Turtles and Their Shells

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RESPOND to the designs you see on a turtle shell and consider the functions the shell serves. How do the shapes, colors, and patterns contribute to the turtle's survival? Why are turtle shells considered an integral part of their anatomy? Research how a turtle shell serves as armor against predators, makes these animals more buoyant, and helps regulate their temperature by absorbing and storing heat from the sun.

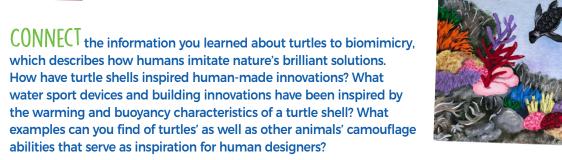




CREATE a sketch of a natural habitat where turtles are camouflaged as they warm their bodies on a log or crawl among reeds on the stream's bank. Add patterns and colors to the turtle shells to help them hide from predators.









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