

The Ocean's Green Machines

Name _____ Date _____

Directions: Write your responses on this sheet or on separate paper.

1. Why is Earth called an ocean planet?

2. How do phytoplankton help Earth “breathe”?

3. Phytoplankton are at the base of the marine food web. What is at the base of a different kind of food web?

4. What do the different colors in the ocean represent in this satellite image?



5. How are phytoplankton important to the study of global warming?