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LET'S TALK

1. How would you describe Jamie to someone who has never met her? What words would you use to describe her?
2. Have you ever been so involved in a project that you felt like you did not want to talk to people or answer questions about your work? What were you working on at the time?
3. The following quote comes from the book: "Jamie and the sea and the woman are friends." Do you think it is true?
4. What do you think the author means when he says, "The sea tells stories but it doesn't ask questions?"
5. On the second to last page where you see Jamie's entire finished creation count how many items she used that came from nature and how many were manmade.
6. Were you surprised by the woman's painting on the last page? Why or why not?

LET'S CREATE

1. Mix up this sand dough recipe and make your own creation: [HTTPS://THEIMAGINATIONTREE.COM/SAND-CLAY-RECIPE-AND-HANDPRINT-KEEPSAKES/](https://theimaginationtree.com/sand-clay-recipe-and-handprint-keepsakes/)
2. Make a painting with water colors or tempura paint and add sand to your masterpiece. [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=ROZlWW2OZHC](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROZlWW2OZHC)
3. Watch this video, see if you can make your own sand paintings on a light box. [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=k43xQ7VfMTQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k43xQ7VfMTQ)
4. Let children explore and create with all sorts of shells. [HTTPS://WWW.MARTHASTEWARD.COM/275561/SHELL-CRAFTS](https://www.marthastewart.com/275561/shell-crafts)
5. Think of the words, "hum" and "swish". Look them up in a dictionary. What do the words mean? Are they the same or different? Try humming a song all the way through.



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READ MORE

Battle Bunny by by Jon Scieszka (Author), Mac Barnett (Author), Matt Myers (Illustrator).

Rules of the House, by Mac Barnett (Author), Matt Myers (Illustrator).

Flotsam by David Wiesner (Author).

The Infamous Ratsos, by Kara LaReau (Author), Matt Myers (Illustrator).

Beach, by Elisha Cooper (Author).

Wave, by Suzy Lee (Author).

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