

Lesson Title : **Turtle Talk**

Essential Question: **What type of turtles live in Pennsylvania?**



Instructional Time needed for Lesson: 15-30 minutes

Lesson Summary:

During this lesson, students are able to meet our Eastern Box Turtles.

Compare the difference of turtles that can be found in the state of Pennsylvania and take a look at some of their shells. Discover some of the features that make turtles unique!

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of class instruction students will be able to:

Objective 1: Define terrestrial and aquatic.

Objective 2: Compare the differences between a terrestrial and aquatic habitat.

Objective 3: Examine and explain the differences between a terrestrial and aquatic turtles.

Objective 4: Name and identify two species of turtle that can be found in Pennsylvania.

Extension:

There are several different species of Turtles in Pennsylvania. Go online and print photos of various ones. Compare and contrast their habitat, and try to find good ways to help ID a specific species.

PA Reptile and Amphibians Curriculum Guide - <http://fishandboat.com/education/herpsampler.pdf>

Key Terms:

- Carapace
- Plastron
- Shell
- Keratin
- Scute
- Terrestrial
- Aquatic
- Vertebrae

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