

“The Perfect Catch” a Georgia Outdoors Production Teacher Guide

Synopsis

Mankind has been fishing for both sport and for survival for the entirety of its existence. However, the sport of fishing has been in decline for decades due to modernization and urbanization. Fishing has also been on the decline due to pollution of rivers and coastline by urban and manufacturing centers. However, there are still millions of Americans who love the sport and live to get their perfect catch.

“The Perfect Catch” a Georgia Outdoors Production, explores the art of fishing through exciting creek side fly-fishermen, coastline fishermen, and boat fishermen. Each group of fishermen has their own stories and personal reasons of why they love to fish. This episode of Georgia Outdoors is a must-see, exploring fly-fishermen and woman romance and the excitement of fishing for the famed Red Drum on the Georgian coastline. Narrated by host Sharon Collins, “The Perfect Catch” is one of the best episodes of Georgia Outdoors to date. Who would know that a show about fishing could capture a viewer’s heart like this one does?

Questions to ask before viewing

1. Has anyone ever gone fishing?
2. Has anyone ever gone fly-fishing or fishing on the coastline?
3. Of the people who haven’t gone fishing, do you think you would like to try it?

Pre-viewing Questions

Part 1

Have you ever gone fly-fishing or seen someone fly fish? Is it something you would like to try? What do you think is the appeal of fly-fishing to the people who do it?

Part 2

A main appeal of fly-fishing is to be at peace in beautiful environments. Do you think people should spend more time outside in the environment? What benefits would people have if they spent more time outside with nature?

Part 3

Red Drum/Spot Tail Bass have evolved so they can evade predators. What features do you think humans have developed that would allow us to evade natural predators?

Part 4

The coastline fishermen claim that fishing is a sustainable sport that can last forever if taken care of. What do you think can be done to ensure the success of fishing for future generations?

Part 5

President Herbert Hoover wrote, "Next to prayer, fishing is the most personal relationship of man." Do you agree with this quote? Why or why not?

Quiz Questions

Part 1

1. What did fly fisherman Tom Carroll say was the most important thing for native trout to survive in North Georgia?
(Pure water)
2. Unlike other fishermen, most fly fishermen make their own what?
(Fly/bait)
3. What is the remarkable thing about woolly bugger fly bait?
(It looks like different bugs depending on how fast you pull it/the skill of the fly fisherman.)

Part 2

1. What do fly fishermen make their flies look like at any given time of the year?
(The bugs that would be hatching at that time of year.)
2. Donna, Rick's wife, listed a variety of reasons why she began fishing. Name at least two of them.
(She was a widow/wanted to do something that required 100% of her attention/gave her joy/was brand new/took her outside in beautiful places)
3. Rick and Donna went fly-fishing in a foreign country for their honeymoon. What country did they go to?
(England)

Part 3

1. Why are fish hatcheries so important?
(To provide fish for fishing in streams that have a low fish reproductive rates.)
2. What is the appeal to fishing in the ocean, as opposed to fishing in a stream or lake?
(The fish are larger and/or the experience is more exciting.)
3. After the coastline fishermen catch a Red Drum fish, what do they do with it?
(They kiss it and/or let it go.)
4. A Red Drum has a characteristic black dot on the tail. What is the significance of having this feature?
(Other predator fish think that the dot is the fish's eye and attempt to attack the tail instead of the head, allowing the fish to escape.)

Part 4

1. Fishing has an impact on and benefits the state's what?

(Economy)

2. The coast fishermen claim that the actions of what major Georgian city have an affect on their ability to fish on the coastline?

(Atlanta)

3. When releasing a fish back into the wild, it is important to do this so that the fish can regain its balance and orientation in the water.

(Hold its tail until it is trying to swim away.)

Part 5

1. The fisherman on the coast explains that fishing gives humans a good excuse to get in touch with what?

(Nature)

2. Rick, the fly fisherman, claims that fishing is the only sport where the older someone gets, the [blank] they get.

(Better)