Thoughts Suggested by the Sea

The sea is a wellspring of inspiration to the artist and the poet. It is ever-changing and beautiful—silent and sunlit, or in the peaceful moonlight or in the rough storms. Even from a shell may be discovered admiration for the artists.

The sea is a symbol of mystery. It is so vast that we cannot fathom its secrets. It is the kingdom of fish as land is of men, and both are subject to the sea. We praise or curse the sea, but it remains silent all the same.

The sea is a hero. It is so gentle when it is calm; it is so strong when it is ruffled; it is so cruel when it is troubled. Tides and waves are like the people who rise in revolt against the dictator; it breaks embankments, overthrows ships, destroys buildings.

The sea is like a disturbed mind. When we look at the sea it is so smooth, but beneath it is so turbulent. It is like our society, peaceful on the surface but actually not.

The sea is an emblem of strong will. The force of the sea is due to the waves and the strength of the waves. The sea is a symbol of the sea that breaks up into jets and finally into sands. If we do our work as the sea does, we will stop and part to see where there is a will, there is a way.

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A Riddle

Mary's mother has half a dozen daughters; the first is called chuckle, the second is called coffee, the third is called groundnut, the fourth is called peanut and the fifth is called walnut. What is her sixth daughter called?

Answer: Mary

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(Source: Mary's School)

The Continent of Ice

The Antarctic (Continental) is a land mass about the size of the United States and Australia combined—fifth largest of the continents. The land is essentially uninhabitable and is relatively flat. It is surrounded by ice and that of a cosmic grave-yard. Antarctica is the highest elevation in the world, is more than 2000 feet above sea-level. It is a continent in the sky.

The sea is the world's coldest land. Even on the sea's edge, the temperature does not exceed 50°F (10°C). The temperature seldom rises above zero Centigrade, with the average for the year at least 40° below zero. All areas near the North Pole are ice-covered throughout the year.

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The Antarctic Penguin

Antarctica is the home of the penguin, a bird that lives only in Antarctica. The penguin is a large bird, black and white, with a long neck and a graceful, flowing gait. The penguin is a symbol of the continent, and is often seen swimming or diving in the water.

Thus, the existence of the penguin is a symbol of the continent, and is a reminder of the beauty of nature.