CITIZEN SCIENCE



HORSESHOE CRAB

SCAVENGER HUNT

See if you can find these objects around your house or in your yard. Check off what you can find!

Horseshoe crabs are living fossils and have been around for over
350 million years. Is there something you have in your house that is
really old?
Draw it here.

Horseshoe crabs have a hard outer shell called an exoskeleton that
helps protect them. Is there something in your house that has a hard
protective layer?

Write it here.

Horseshoe crabs are named because of their U-shaped bodies that look like horseshoes. Can you find something U-shaped in your house?

Write it here.



Horseshoe crab blood is blue and is used by doctors and scientists. Can you find something that is blue?

Write it here.



A horseshoe crab's telson (tail) helps flip the crab over. Is there something in your house or yard that flips or turns over?

Write it here.

Draw it here.

Horseshoe crabs have spines down their carapace (shell). Can you find something that has spines on it?

Horseshoe crabs come onto the beaches to lay their eggs during a full moon. Is there something in your house that is the shape of a full moon?

Write it here.

Horseshoe crab eggs are an important food source for shorebirds. Can you find a bird outside or in a book in your house? Draw it here.

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