

Lighthouse Vocabulary

- 1. **LIGHTHOUSE** A tower or structure topped with a very bright light that is used by sailors as an aid to navigation.
- 2. **LIGHT STATION** A lighthouse complex. A light station includes the tower, keeper's house, fuel storage house, boat house, fog-signal building, privy, storage shed, and any other buildings located there.
- 3. LANTERN ROOM glassed-in housing at the top of a lighthouse tower containing the lamp and lens
- 4. **WATCH ROOM** The room in a lighthouse that is located directly below the lantern room where lighthouse keepers stood their watch.
- 5. GALLERY DECK- The platform located outside the watch room at the top of a lighthouse.
- 6. **PRISM** A transparent piece of glass that refracts and refracts light.
- 7. **REFRACTION** The bending of light.
- 8. BULLSEYE A convex lens used to concentrate (refract) light.
- 9. FRESNEL LENS A special type of lens that uses prisms to reflect and refract (bend) light.
- 10. LAMP The piece of lighthouse equipment that produces the light in the center of a lens.
- 11. **KEROSENE** This type of fuel was commonly used in lighthouse lamps in the days before electric lights.
- 12. ORDER Term used to describe the size of a Fresnel lens. Sizes ranged from a first order lens (largest) to a sixth order lens (smallest).
- 13. FIXED LIGHT A steady non-flashing light.
- 14. **REVOLVING LIGHT** Term used to describe a lighthouse lens that produces a flashing light.
- 15. CHARACTERISTIC Term used to describe the unique appearance of a lighthouse beacon at night.
- 16. DAYMARK The unique shape, color, and design of a lighthouse that enables it to be correctly identified during the day.
- 17. FOG SIGNAL An audible device (such as a whistle, bell, or siren) that helps sailors safely navigate during foggy conditions.
- 18. KEEPER A person who operates and cares for a lighthouse.
- 19. NAVIGATION The science of accurately steering a ship on the water.
- 20. PHAROLOGIST A person who studies or is interested in lighthouses.

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- 1) Lighthouse Keepers worked in this room at night.
- 2) The unique appearance of a beacon at night is called this.
- 3) Another name for a blinking lighthouse light.
- 4) Special type of lens that uses prisms.
- 5) The bending of light.
- 6) A transparent piece of glass that bends light.
- 7) Someone who operates and cares for a lighthouse.
- 8) A type of fuel once used in lighthouse lamps.
- 9) Someone who studies lighthouses.
- 10) A tower or structure with a bright light on top.

- The science of steering a ship over long distances.
- 12) An audible devise used as an aid to navigation.
- 13) A non-blinking lighthouse has one of these.
- 14) Term used to describe a lighthouse's color and shape.
- 15) A convex lens that concentrates light.
- 16) Name of the platform located outside the watch room.
- 17) This piece of lighthouse equipment produces light.
- 18) The lighthouse's lens and lamp are located here.
- 19) The size of a lens is called this.
- 20) The entire lighthouse complex is called this.