

NESSIE

Have you ever heard of the Loch Ness Monster? The Loch Ness Monster (or Nessie as she is fondly referred) reportedly lives in Loch Ness in Scotland. A loch is another name for a lake and Loch Ness is a very special lake indeed. Loch Ness is about 23 miles long so it is a very large lake by Scottish standards. The most special thing about Loch Ness is that the water is very peaty. What this means is that the water has been exposed to peat (a natural bog material that is nothing more than compressed roots, twigs and leaves and such). The peat makes the water very dark in color like root beer. So, if you stick your arm into Loch Ness you might not be able to see your fingers.

Because the water in Loch Ness is so dark and hard to see through nobody is really sure whether Nessie really exists. There have been numerous scientific experiments to try to find Nessie and there have been written reports of sightings of Nessie since the year 565! What do you think? Is Nessie real? Is Nessie a nice monster?

For a fun activity color and cut out our Nessie finger puppet! Can you make Nessie walk? Dance? Swim?

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