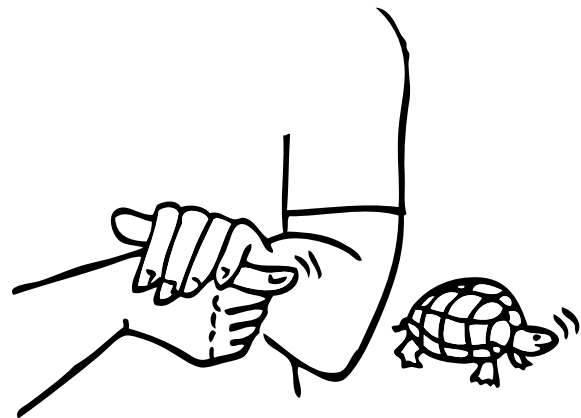


Pond Pondering

Sit on the logs around the pond. Carefully observe life in and around the pond. What animals do you see? How many are there? Where are they? What are they doing? What plants do you see? What sounds do you hear? What do you smell?

Here are some possible pond activities:

- Draw a detailed pond picture.
- Watercolor paintings of the pond.
- Keep a pond journal. Be a scientist and carefully record your observations.
- Make a model/map of the pond. (See Mapping the Poultry Yard)
- Take a pond population census. Count the animals that you see at the pond. (See Poultry Population: Taking a Census)
- Measure the circumference of the pond using different units of measurement--your feet, paces, a standard foot, yard, meter.
- Write pond poetry. (See Poultry Poetry)
- Play a pond game of “Duck-Duck-Goose”.
- Read pond books.
- Look for tracks around the pond edges. Make plaster casts. (See Fowl Feet/Poultry Tracks)
- Study turtles. Notice how they are camouflaged. Do you see them sunning on the rocks or sticking their necks out of the water as they swim? How many turtles do you see?
- Sing pond songs-- “Six Little Ducks”
“Five Little Ducks” (Raffi)



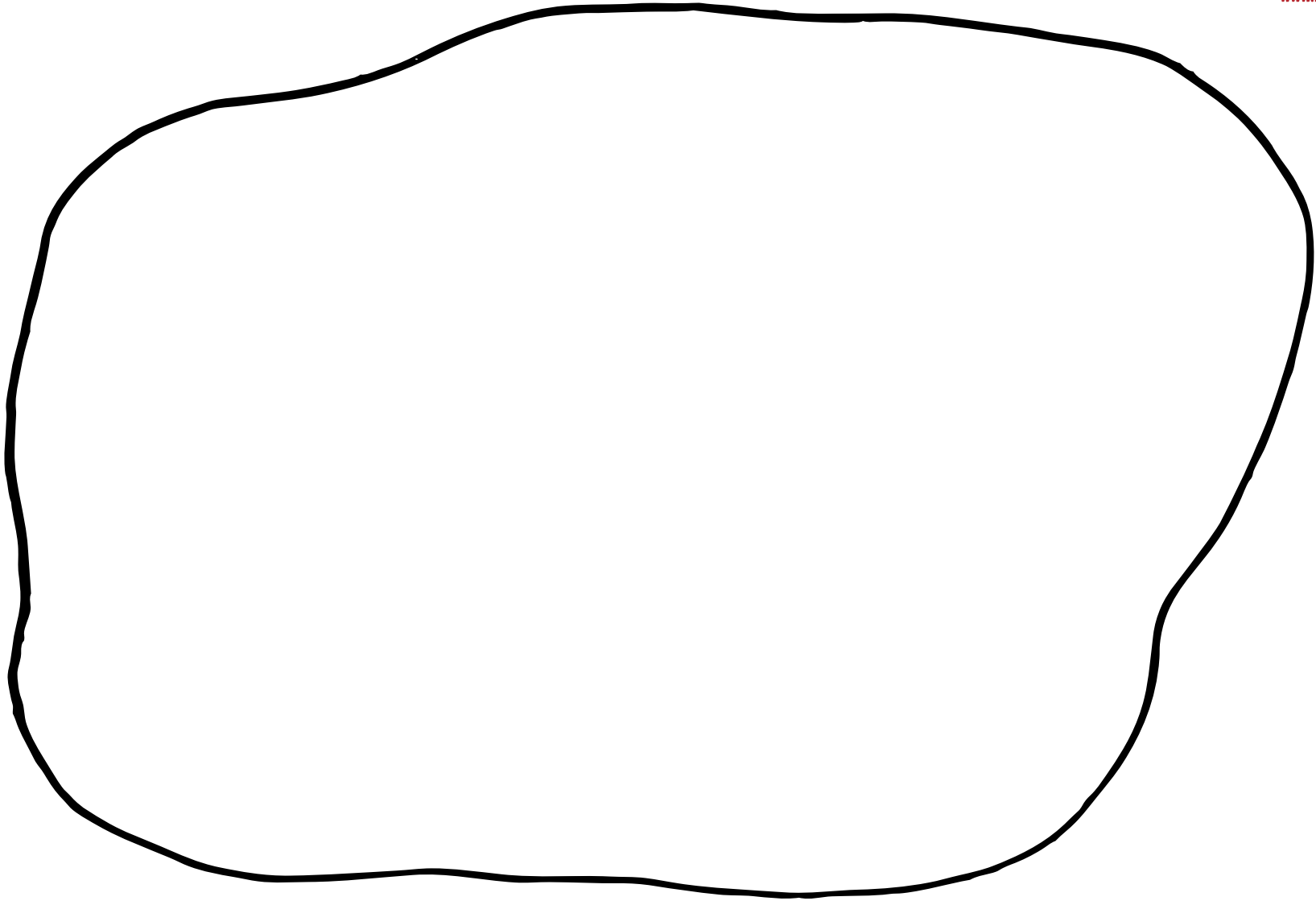
Turtle

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left A; wiggle right thumb



Pond Pondering

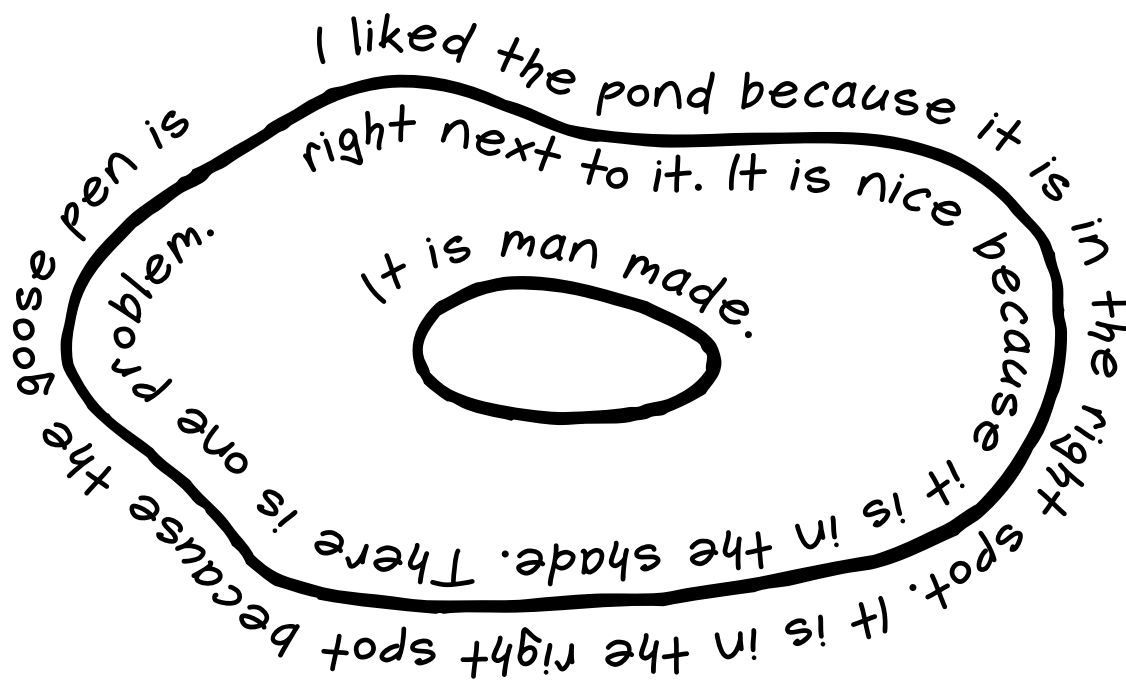
Draw a picture of the pond and island. Be sure to draw all of the animals that you see.




Pond Pondering Pond Poetry

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Write down your observations. Arrange your ideas into a poem the shape of the pond. Here are some examples from Ms. Pritchard's third grade class at Mare Island School.



I liked the pond because it is in the right spot. It is in the shade. There is one problem. The goose pen is right next to it. It is nice because it is man made.



I really enjoyed the pond with the ducks and geese. And I liked the island with an egg under the tree.