

Wrecking Season Teacher's Resources No.4 - Jane Darke

## What is the Gulf Stream?

This extract is taken from the script of the film. Jim is explaining the Gulf Stream currents:

Jim and globe/map

**Jim to camera** So, we've got Cornwall. Over here the North Coast of South America. The Caribbean, Florida, Maine and Massachusetts all along here where the lobster and cod fisheries once was, the lobster fishery is still going. Now, here's these North Equatorial currents, and south, they circulate around the Gulf of Mexico and up or may pass just North of these Caribbean islands here, and they re-group to form the warm Gulf stream, and the gulf stream runs all the way up here across the coast of North America all the way over here, some of it running into the Norwegian Sea and the Russian Arctic sea, and then some of it peels around and regroups here with the equatorial currents, and some of it actually meets cooler waters here and pushes back down and along the coast joining the Labrador current.

Investigate!

- Use an atlas or world map and put blu tac on the main countries the Gulf Stream passes.
- Use a globe, blu tac on some string showing the flow of the Gulf Stream.
- Find out 3 things about at least four different countries the Gulf Stream affects.
- Draw a mind map with The Gulf Stream in the middle.

**This is Jane Darke's drawing of the Gulf Stream. Draw your own simple map of the Gulf Stream.**

