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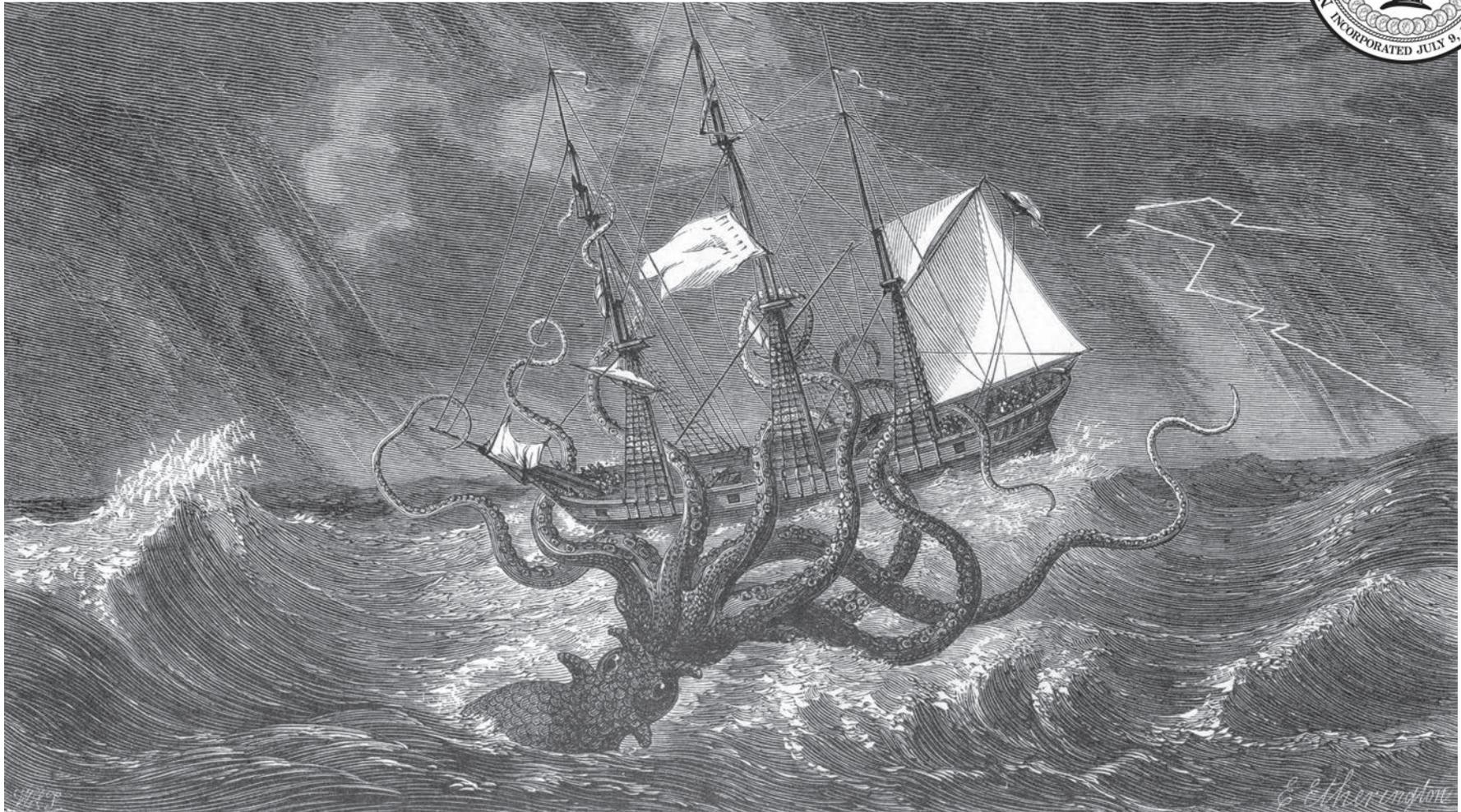
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The Mighty Squid

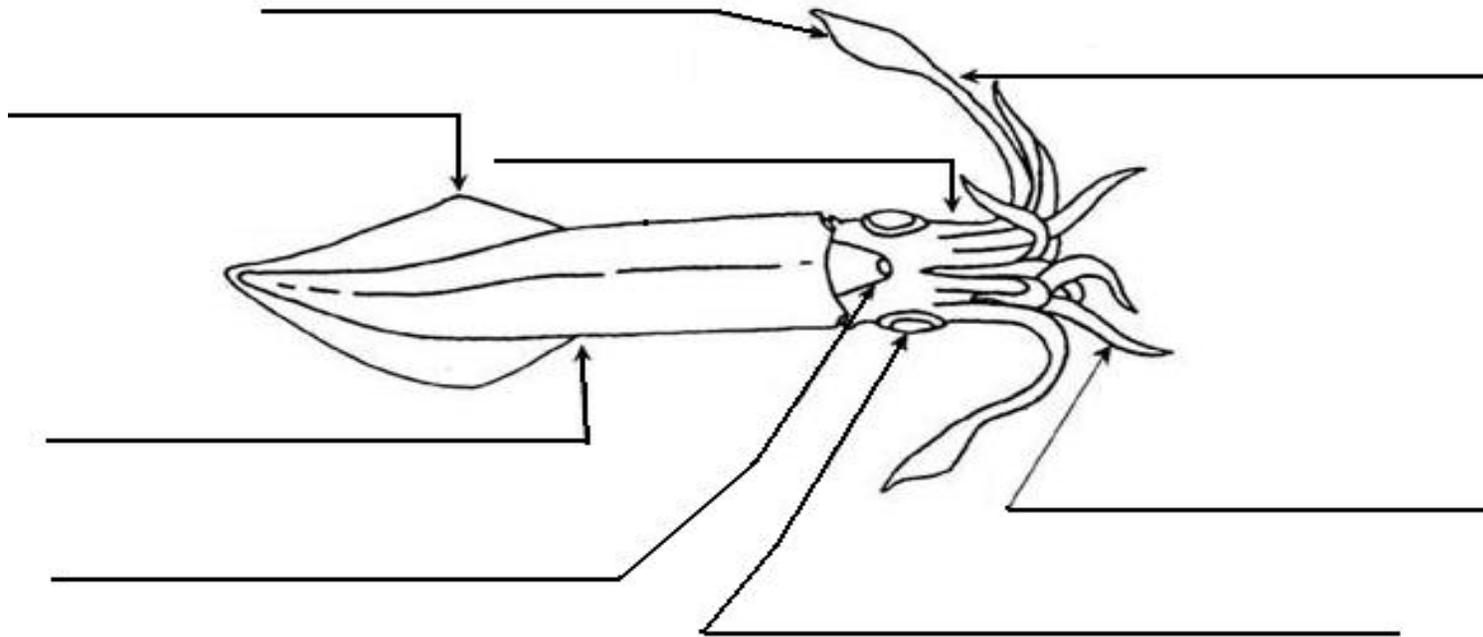
- ✦ Print out the squid label sheet in landscape mode.
- ✦ Label the parts of a squid using the key below.

1 Kraken from the Deep



The giant squid is one of the most mythical creatures in the sea. For centuries, whalers and other sea-going people would report strange, terrifying and tentacled creatures during their voyages. These squids happen to be the Sperm whales favorite meal! Sperm whales are known to dive up to 1 1/2 miles in the ocean in search of them.

2 Can You Label a Squid?



1. Arms - Eight short arms with two rows of suction cups. The arms hold food while the squid bites it into smaller pieces.

2. Eye - Squids have two large eyes and very good eyesight.

3. Feeding tentacles - The two long tentacles are used for grabbing prey.

4. Clubs - The ends of the tentacles, which have toothed suckers.

5. Head - The small part of the body near the arms. The head contains the eyes, the brain, and the muscular "buccal mass" (which crushes food).

6. Mantle - The long part of the body in front of the head where a squid's stomach, gills, ink sac, pen, reproductive organs, and digestive organs are.

7. Fins - Two flaps on the top of the mantle used to stabilize a squid during swimming.

8. Siphon - The tube on the lower side of the head. It pushes out water to move the squid through the sea.