

3. Answers will vary. Students should understand that the relatively simple form and lack of sophisticated, specialized organs or body structures place the jellyfish early in the history of life on Earth.

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1. Answers will vary. Students might point to the tentacles or the specialized body parts (dome sac and stingers) as characteristics that are visibly animal-like.

2. Answers will vary. Students might list the lack of obvious eyes or specialized internal organs.



1. What characteristics of the jellyfish shown in the photo make them appear to be animals?
2. What characteristics of the jellyfish shown in the photo make them appear less animal-like?
3. Based on their shape and structure, would you think that jellyfish developed early or late in the history of life on Earth?