



Xavier's Daily

➔ Challenge Yourself

Who named 'The Great Blue Hole'?
Why is the Blue Hole so dangerous?

Answer- Ned Middleton
Water Clarity



➔ Spectrum's Corner

Thought of the Day

"It is very easy to defeat someone but it is very difficult to win someone."

Word of the Day

fiddlesticks
: used to express impatience
eg.- "Oh! Fiddlesticks I locked myself out of the car."

THE GREAT BLUE HOLE

By Zoya Saman

[Peace Club]

More than 10,000 years ago, the rising water at the end of the last great Ice Age led to a series of enormous caverns being engulfed by the Caribbean Sea. Geological forces created what is known as the Belize Blue Hole.

The Great Blue Hole is a massive underwater sinkhole that lies off the coast of Belize. It lies near the center of Lighthouse Reef, a small atoll 100 km (62 miles) from the mainland of Belize City. The hole is circular in shape, over 300 meters (984 ft.) across and 125 meters (410 ft.) deep. The world's largest natural formation of its kind, the Great Blue Hole is a part of the larger Barrier Reef Reserve system, a world Heritage Site of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

This site was made famous by Jacques Cousteau, who declared it one of the top five scuba diving sites in the world. This is a popular site among recreational scuba divers who are lured by the opportunity to dive in sometimes crystal clear water and meet several species of fish. The complex system of limestone once stood on dry land. About 14,000 years ago, the melting ice caps caused the ocean to rise and flood the cave, creating a world-class diving destination.



DID YOU KNOW?

In 2012, Discovery Channel ranked The Great Blue Hole as number one on its list of 'The Most Amazing Places on Earth'