

## Post-Activity Quiz **Answer Key**

1. What is water surface tension?

**It is a property of liquids caused by water molecules wanting to stick together when exposed to air. The result is an invisible membrane that forms where air and water meet.**

2. Is it possible for metal objects to float on water?

**Yes! The surface tension of water is like a stretchy covering that is able to support a small amount of weight.**

3. How can water surface tension be broken?

**It is broken when objects push through the membrane.**

4. What is suminagashi?

**An ancient art form using floating ink to decorate paper.**

5. What is a monoprint?

**A print that can only be made one time.**

6. As you were making your suminagashi monoprints, did you feel like you had total control of the ink and the image you were making? Explain.

**Expect a “no” answer.**

**Students can influence the artwork, but they do not have total control over it.**

7. What was your favorite part of this activity?

**Answers will vary; this is an open-ended question with no correct answer.**

8. If you were an engineer hired to clean up an oil spill, what ideas from this activity might you apply to help you with the job?

**An engineer might use some type of super absorbent material to soak up the oil in the same way students used paper to absorb the ink.**

9. How is it possible for water bugs to run across water without sinking?

**They are very light and have evolved a waterproof covering on their bodies and their legs are covered with tiny hairs that help them to walk on water. The simplest answer to this question is “surface tension!”**

10. Please give me your feedback. Is there anything about this art/science activity that I should change before teaching it next time?

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