

Discussion Questions:
Chadwick the Crab
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Attachment #4

Pages 5-7

1. Have you ever thought there was more in life than your everyday schedule? (personal response)
2. What are some examples of alliteration in the character names? (Pincher Pete; Orville the Oyster, Bug-eyed Benny)
3. Can you think of other animals that hibernate?
4. Predict the rustling in the bushes that startles Chadwick.

Pages 8 – 13

1. Verify predictions
2. What is an aquarium? What might you see there?
3. What was the sarcastic statement that Pincher Pete made that made all the crabs laugh, except Chadwick?
4. Why would the author choose a bluefish for the police force of the Bay? (accept any reasonable answers)
5. Do you think Chadwick will obey the Bluefish Patrolman's orders?

Pages 14-20

1. Verify predictions.
2. Is it a fact or fiction that crabs can't stand the bright sunlight? What about crabs going to the bottom of the Bay for the winter?
3. How did Esmerelda try to distract Chadwick from his plans?
4. What happened to Esmerelda during their game of hide and seek?
5. Why was Chadwick so worried about her?
6. Who told all of the friends about Chadwick and Esmerelda's plight? (Bernie the Sea Gull)
7. Who has an amazing idea to save the two crabs? (Orville finally speaks!)

Pages 22-30

1. When Bernie and Toulouse fly to Baltimore, where do they find Chadwick and Esmerelda? How did the birds rescue the crabs?
2. How did Chadwick end up inside the aquarium?
3. Why didn't Esmerelda go with him?
4. Who found Chadwick in the aquarium & how did he become a star?
5. Were Chadwick's friends happy that he became famous at the aquarium? Why?