



Giant Squid

1 On what page would you find out what the author means by “Little Giants”? What part of the book could you use to answer this question?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.5, RI.3.5

2 Why do you think some information in this book has been put into green fact boxes? Give two reasons.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.5, RI.3.5, RI.4.5

3 Look at the diagram on page 7. What information does it contain that isn't included in the main text?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.5, RI.2.7, RI.3.5, RI.3.7, RI.3.8, RI.4.7

4 Look at pages 10–11. Why do you think illustrations are used on these pages, rather than photographs?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.7, RI.3.7, RI.4.7

5 Look at pages 14–19. How are the pictures and labels helpful?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.5, RI.2.7, RI.3.5, RI.3.7, RI.4.7

6 The text on page 20 says, “Giant squid have giant eyes. One eye is bigger than your head.” Where does the author provide a fact as evidence to support this?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.1, RI.2.5, RI.2.8, RI.3.1, RI.3.8, RI.4.1, RI.4.8

7 Identify two places in the book where you are told what the “twilight zone” is.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.4, RI.2.5, RI.3.4, RI.3.5, RI.4.4

8 Use the glossary to answer question 6 of the quiz.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.1, RI.2.5, RI.3.4, RI.3.5, RI.4.4

Answers

- 1** The contents shows that “Little Giants” is the topic on page 12 (and page 13).
- 2** Students should show understanding that the fact boxes contain extra information (single facts) not necessarily related to the content of the rest of their pages. They usually provide specific examples of the general observations made on their pages. They also break up the text to make the book easier and more interesting to navigate.
- 3** It shows that the twilight zone extends down to 13,123 feet (4,000 meters) below the water’s surface.
- 4** There are no photographs of these animals because each is either mythical or extinct.
- 5** The pictures show where on the squid each feature is, and how it looks.
- 6** Supporting evidence can be found in the fact box on the page.
- 7** The glossary and page 7 describe the twilight zone. (The latter answer can be found most easily using the index.)
- 8** The e-jelly mimicked an atolla jellyfish.