

Paired-Text Questions for “Coconuts” and “Watch Out...Hurricanes Ahead!”

“Coconuts” Lesson

*Ask questions:

- 1) Jason, the narrator of this story, struggles to understand the actions of those around him. Give examples that show this struggle.
 - 2) What does the fact that Jason collects coconuts without knowing the reason for it suggest about his character?
 - 3) The author included the T.V. personality, Tony Verrazo, in this story. Share a passage which shows how he influenced Jason before the hurricane.
 - 4) Locate in the story where Jason, the narrator, realizes the importance of his job collecting coconuts. Give examples from the text to support this realization.
 - 5) What can you infer from this story about the importance of following directions? Give examples from the text to support your ideas.
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“Watch Out...Hurricanes Ahead!” Lesson

*Ask questions:

- 1) A hurricane watch and a hurricane warning both happen when a hurricane forms, but they are different from each other. Give two ways that a hurricane watch is different from a hurricane warning. Use details from the article in your answer.
- 2) How does the writer of this article convey the sheer power of a hurricane? Give specific examples.

3) After reading this article by the National Weather Service, what do you believe is the author's purpose or message?

4) After reading both passages, what unanswered questions in "Coconuts" were answered in the non-fiction piece?

***Ask questions for connecting both pieces of text**

1) Give examples from both texts that illustrate the idea that a hurricane should be taken seriously.

2) Both readings describe what should be done in the event of a hurricane. Using examples from both texts, list at least four things people can do to prepare for such a storm.

3) In California we don't have hurricanes, but wildfires and even earthquakes can occur. What could you do to help your family in case of an emergency situation?

4) After reading both pieces, what unanswered questions from "Coconuts" were answered by reading the non-fiction piece "Watch Out...Hurricanes Ahead"?