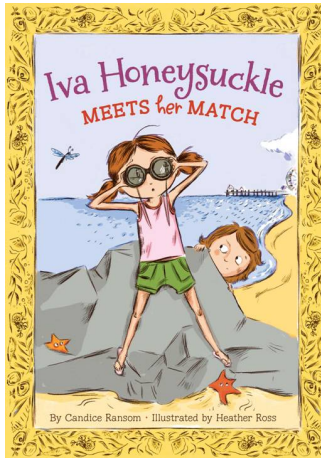


Teacher's Guide for *Iva Honeysuckle Meets her Match*



Iva Learns About the Chesapeake Bay

On Iva's first real summer vacation, her family goes to Stingray Point, a beach town on the Chesapeake Bay. Chesapeake Bay is the largest estuary in the United States. An *estuary* is a body of water partly surrounded by land. One or more rivers flow into it. The Chesapeake flows into the Atlantic Ocean.

The location of the Chesapeake Bay formed when a meteor struck the area 35.5 million years ago. About 12,000 years ago, melting glaciers filled the crater left by the meteor.

Have students find the Chesapeake Bay on a map. What states border the Bay? Can they name some of the major rivers that flow into the Bay?

Chessie, the Sea Monster

Iva is fascinated to hear about a monster living in the deep waters of the Bay! Its name is Chessie. Chessie looks like a giant snake-like creature, with flippers. Several people have claimed to see Chessie and some have taken photographs.

Ask students to write a story about discovering a sea monster. What would it look like? What did it eat? How does one creature survive on its own?

Source:

"Strange Tails: Fact and Fiction of Chessie the Sea Monster of the Chesapeake Bay."
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