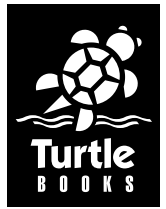


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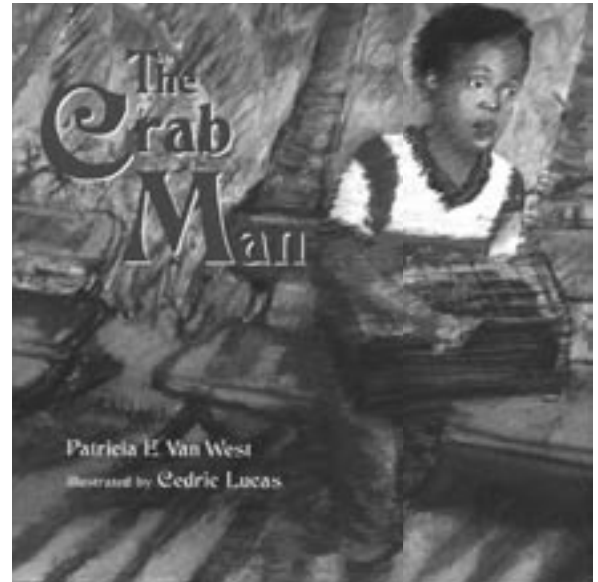


Dear Teacher or Librarian,

Here are ideas to help you enrich your students' reading experience and their understanding of important curricular concepts.

The blackline masters on pages 3 and 4 of this guide can be used for discussion, direct teaching, and assessment of student comprehension and vocabulary development. Lesson plans for all Turtle Books titles may be found on our website: [www.turtlebooks.com](http://www.turtlebooks.com).

Enjoy reading!



## Before You Read

To introduce the book, identify and discuss the title, author, and illustrator.

*Does the cover give a clue about one of the story's characters?*

Take a picture walk through the first few pages of the book. *What do the pictures tell you about the setting of the story? What do they tell you about life in Jamaica?*

## As You Read

Help children develop an expanded academic vocabulary. Make sure children understand the meaning of unfamiliar words as they occur in the story. You will find information to share with the children about hermit crabs and Jamaica at the end of *The Crab Man*.

*object*  
*hermit crabs*  
*tourists*

*plantation*  
*sugar cane*  
*scamper*

*finish line*  
*wire-mesh*  
*darting*

*crumpled U.S. dollar*  
*grove of coconut trees*

## After You Read

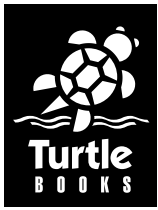
Ask students to discuss the following questions:

What does this book teach you about hermit crabs?

Why is Neville working for the crab man?

How does Neville feel about the hermit crabs?

Give each student a copy of pages 3 and 4 of this guide. Page 3 is a book report for children to complete. It has prompts and models to help children think about concepts of print, story genre, and story elements. It also has a map activity. Page 4 is a word web that focuses on hermit crabs. You might make a transparency of each and use an overhead projector so you and the children can do the pages together.



# Using This Guide

Using the activities for *The Crab Man* will help you meet the following standards:



## Social Studies Standards

- Environment and Society
- Places and Regions
- People, Places, and Environments
- Time, Continuity, and Change
- Symbols

## Geography Standards

- Landforms

## Science Standards

- Organisms and Environments
- Characteristics of Organisms
- Life Cycles of Organisms
- Interaction of life forms with each other

## Language Arts Standards

- Book genre
- Story elements: setting, characters
- Concepts of print: author, illustrator
- Story vocabulary

## Cross Curricular Activities: Physical Education

### Crab Walk Relays

Have someone demonstrate walking like a crab. This can be done by walking sideways or by the more traditional crabwalk pictured here. Form several relay teams. Name each team after a color of one of the racing crabs in *The Crab Man*. Encourage children to walk like a crab from the starting line to the wall and then run back to their relay team.



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# The Crab Man

Author \_\_\_\_\_

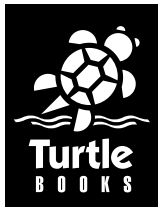
Illustrator \_\_\_\_\_

## What kind of story is this?

fiction or nonfiction

realistic or fantasy

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



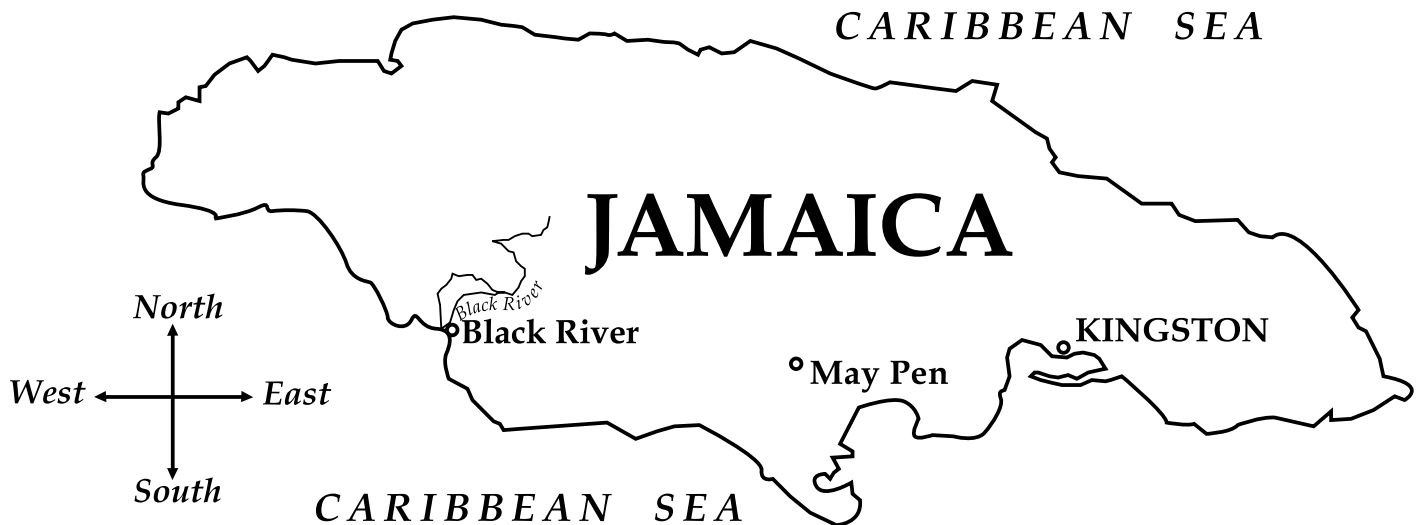
## Story Elements

**Setting:** The story takes place on the island named \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. It is the month of \_\_\_\_\_.

The pictures show that the

weather is \_\_\_\_\_.



Answer questions 1, 2, and 3 using the map above.

1. What sea is all around Jamaica? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the name of the river shown on the map? \_\_\_\_\_

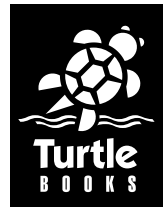
3. What two cities are shown here? \_\_\_\_\_

4. The story tells you that coconuts grow in Jamaica. What other crop does the story tell you grows in

Jamaica? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# The Crab Man

Finish each sentence about hermit crabs to complete the web.

