

READING

For use with "Clayton's Birding Adventures"

Before the Reading

- 1) From viewing the illustration on the cover and browsing the inside of the book, what might be the main idea in this story? Predict what will happen.
- 2) State some experiences you have had with birds. Explain if they were enjoyable or not so enjoyable adventures. Describe the most unusual bird you have seen.

During the Reading

- 1) Why do you think Clayton is so excited about the birds in his backyard? Find a sentence in the story to prove your answer.
- 2) Explain the relationship between Clayton and Austin. What might be a reason they became friends so quickly?
- 3) How does the trip to the pet store develop into an adventure for Clayton and his mother? Give at least 3 reasons.
- 4) At the ending of the story, it is revealed that Mr. Todd is Austin's grandfather. Was this a surprise to you, like it was to Clayton? Why or why not?

After the Reading

- 1) Compare your predictions about the book to what actually happened in the book. How were they similar and different?
- 2) Using the charts and Fast Facts about Birds page, tell about 3 of the things concerning birds that you found most interesting.
- 3) Do you think you will be more aware of the birds in your own environment in the future? Why or why not?
- 4) Which character in the book do you think contributed the most to Clayton's enjoyment of birds? Explain.

(Per Common Core State Standards 2012 - Reading for Literature K-5 and Reading for Informational Text K-5)

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