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**Article Reading Guide and Notes**

What is an Invasive Species?

1. What is an alien or exotic species?
2. How is an alien species different from a native species?
3. Are all exotic species “bad”? Why or why not?
4. What characteristics do *invasive* species exhibit?
5. What keeps the invasive species’ populations under control in their native regions?
6. How do invasive species cause ecological damage?
7. What economic problems do invasive species cause?

Tiny Weevils:

1. What is a “Mile a Minute Weed?”
2. What does the Mile a Minute Weed do to trees and other plants?
3. What is it called when a second species is introduced to control an invasive species?
4. How do the weevils control Mile a Minute Weed?

Furry-clawed Asian Crabs

1. When were the Furry-Clawed Asian Crabs most recently caught in the Delaware Bay?
2. Where is the Furry-clawed Asian Crab native to?
3. What other areas has the crab already invaded?
4. What kind of water do mittened crabs prefer?
5. Why do the crabs migrate to salt water estuaries?
6. Why is the furry-clawed crab listed as injurious wildlife under the Federal Lacey Act?
7. Do scientists know whether or not these crabs are reproducing in the mid-Atlantic region?
8. How did these crabs arrive in the Chesapeake Bay?
9. Why do YOU think the furry-clawed Asian crab represent a threat to the Chesapeake Bay Ecosystem? (The answer to this is NOT in the article! It is from your HEAD!)