

Making the Grade: Health Indicators in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed*ACTIVITY 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TODAY*

1. How have transportation changes on the waters of the Chesapeake affected the water quality of the bay?
2. What are some of the key challenges faced by those trying to clean up the bay? What may happen if the goals of the clean-up effort are not reached by 2010?
3. What is an industry that was historically central to the economy of the bay region, and remains so today?
4. How has the decline in manufacturing along the bay's tributaries created new problems for the bay?
5. How has the U.S. Navy contributed to the effort to improve the Chesapeake Bay area's conditions? What remains a criticism of the armed forces?
6. What is the relationship between crabs, seagrass, and pollution?
7. What role do oysters play in the health of the bay? What role might they play in its future?