



THE DISCOVERY OF THE POLIO VACCINE

Say What?

Studying diseases and vaccines can mean learning a lot of new vocabulary. Find five words in this book you've never heard before. Use a dictionary to find out what they mean. Then write the meanings in your own words, and use each word in a sentence.





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Take a Stand

Chapter Three talks about Sabin's live virus vaccine. He thought it was better than Salk's vaccine. Sabin worked hard to get his vaccine into trials around the world. Today, it is used in most parts of the world to get rid of polio once and for all. Do you think Sabin's vaccine is the best way to treat polio? Or do you think Salk's vaccine is the better choice? Why?





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Why Do I Care?

Maybe you do not know anyone who has had polio. But that doesn't mean you can't think about how the disease has affected other people's lives. What can people do to prevent polio from spreading? Do you know anyone who has another type of disease? How does it affect their lives? How might your life be different if you had polio or another disease?





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Another View

This book talks about Basil O'Connor and his support for Salk's polio research. As you know, every source is different. Ask a librarian or another adult to help you find another source about O'Connor. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar and why? How are they different and why?





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You Are There

This book discusses raising money for the NFIP. Imagine you are planning a fundraising event. Write a letter home telling your friends why they should support your cause. What will their money be used for? Be sure to add plenty of detail to your letter.

