

Discussion Questions: Ages 6-8

Language

- 1. There's a lot of alliteration in this story. Can you find an example of when one letter describes multiple words in a row?
- 2. In your own words, describe the who, what, where, and when of this story.
- 3. Would you say this is an example of a story or a poem?

Characters

- 1. Describe how the Yes-Chums and the Nuh-Uhs respond to one another when they're fighting?
- 2. How does Crystal differ from the Yes-Chums and Nuh-Uhs?
- 3. What role do the spiders, butterflies, ants, and ladybugs play in this story?
- 4. Which character interested you the most? Why?

Setting

- 1. The beginning of the story describes a creek "not too far from you." Do you live near a creek like this?
- 2. Would you want to live in a world as crazy as the world where Otis lives? Why or why not?

Plot

- 1. How does the story begin? What things did you wonder about at the beginning?
- 2. How does the story end? Were you surprised by anything in the ending?
- 3. Was there anything in the plot that made you think about your own life? What challenges have you faced that are like the ones Otis faced?
- 4. How does this story compare to another one you've read recently?