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2. Reread the passage on your own.
3. Underline the words Coast Guard throughout the passage. How many times did you find those words? _____
4. What is this passage mostly about?

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Student answers will vary. Any answer containing "Coast Guard" is correct, within reason.

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Student answers will vary. Use these points for class discussion.

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Students will use this space to write any final thoughts that may not fit anywhere else on this graphic organizer. Allow students to show their thinking and understanding of main idea and details.