

## Answer Key:

### Horseshoe Crab:

- Related to spiders and other arachnids (more closely than to true crabs)
- Dodecapod (12 legs)
- 10 eyes
- Lifespan up to 20 years
- Called living fossils
- Females lay eggs on the beach
- Blood important for medical research
- Males have set of claws that resemble boxing gloves

### Blue Crab:

- Related to lobsters and other crustaceans
- Decapod (10 legs)
- 2 eyes
- Lifespan up to 3 years
- Females carry fertilized eggs
- Antennae
- Popular food source for humans
- Males have narrow, t-shaped apron
- Females have wide apron shaped like the capitol dome

### Both:

- Exoskeleton
- Gills
- Molt Shell to Grow
- Found in Chesapeake Year-Round
- Habitat Loss and Overharvesting Threaten Population