

SEQUENCING, DEVELOPMENT, AND SUPPORT

Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*

Chapter 12

Get into small groups of five and, after introducing yourselves to one another, appoint a note-taker in the group. Give your note-taker adequate time to record your responses; these will later be shared with the class. Where you are asked to look closely at the text, be prepared to cite specific paragraphs or sentences.

Question 1

Find places in "Chapter 12" where Carson accomplishes the following:

- a. states (or implies) her main topic in this chapter
- b. states (or implies) her main argument about that topic
- c. explains (not illustrates) in more specific language one aspect of the main topic
- d. explains (not illustrates) by defining in more specific terms one aspect of her main argument
- e. uses factual support for her argument
- f. uses outside reliable opinions or insights

Question 2

What parts of "Chapter 12" do you consider to be the most intellectual and detailed in their discussion of Carson's topic? Why?

Question 3

What is the primary method Carson uses to sequence this chapter--chronological, spatial, or emphatic? Find specific evidence of this method in the chapter. (*Note:* You may find instances of all three sequencing techniques, but only one is the dominant sequencing method.)