



## ***The Outlaw Ocean: Journeys Across the Last Untamed Frontier* by Ian Urbina**

### Discussion Questions for Chapters 9-12

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#### **Icebreaker:**

What is your dream "at-sea" job title—real or made-up?

#### **Discussion Questions:**

##### 1. (Chapter 9 - The Next Frontier)

Did you learn anything new about corals from this chapter? What are some common misconceptions about corals that you've encountered—from students or the public? How might this chapter challenge or reinforce those ideas?

2. (Chapter 10 - Sea Slavery)

What examples from the book did you find particularly shocking or surprising with respect to the plight of workers at sea?

Optional extension: How do you approach teaching intense or emotionally difficult topics like modern slavery in the classroom? Do you feel comfortable teaching about topics like these?

3. (Chapter 11 - Waste Away)

The book explores how the idea of “the ocean as limitless” has shaped how we treat it. Can you think of examples—from the book or your own experience—that show why this view is misguided?

4. (Chapter 12 - Fluid Borders)

Overfishing has come up a lot in the last two book clubs (*The Underworld* and *Four Fish*). We now have a better understanding of the challenges around managing fishing in international waters. What do you think the punishment should be for illegal fishing? Which of the responses detailed in *The Outlaw Ocean* seem the most appropriate and effective?