

# CONSPIRACY 365

Conspiracy 365: December  
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## Discussion/Review Questions

1. Sharkey tells Cal about a technique he used as a detective called PLS, or "Point Last Seen." Define the technique and provide an example of how Cal uses it later on in December.
2. Trust and betrayal are aspects of many relationships throughout Conspiracy 365. Give examples of both trust and betrayal in two of the following relationships: Cal and Winter, Cal and Sharkey, Rafe and Tom, Sligo and Winter.
3. In Cal's final encounter with Sligo and his henchmen, the bad guys end up drowning in the muddy marsh. Why do you think Cal feels guilty about the death of Dr. Brinsley but not about the demise of Sligo and his gang? Do you agree or disagree with his rationale? Why or why not?
4. A diorama is a miniature scene that depicts a moment in time. Construct a shoebox diorama of your favorite scene from December. Start by making a list of some of the most important elements of the scene, including objects and characters. Make notes about the setting and the action that is taking place in the scene - you may even want to draw a sketch of your diorama before you start building.
5. Conspiracy 365 is a work of fiction; however, many of the locations and historical figures are real, including "Black Tom" Ormond, Queen Elizabeth I, Kilkenny Castle, the Black Abbey, Treachery Bay, and even the London Bridge in Arizona! Using resources at your library and/or on the Internet write a short 2 to 3 page report about one of these people or places. Include a map, timeline, picture, and at least 5 historical facts in your report.

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