

## **Article-Based Observation**

**Directions:** After reading the article "Rebuilding reefs," answer these questions:

- 1. The author begins the article by comparing a coral reef to a metropolis with "high-rise apartments." Explain this metaphor and identify the point where the metaphor breaks down.
- 2. Explain the role and importance of algae to the survival of coral.
- 3. According to the article, how is the ocean changing? How do these changes affect the algae living within the coral and, ultimately, the coral reef itself?
- 4. What happens during a bleaching event and why is this a concern to scientists?
- 5. What strategies are the scientists in Florida, Hawaii and Australia using to rebuild coral reefs?
- 6. A friend asks what you're reading. Tweet (in 140 characters or less) what this article is about.