## **SUPER CATS CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES**

**Curriculum Connections:** Arts, domestic animals, ancient civilizations, environment, extinction, geography, health, modern history, occupations, religion, science, technology, war, wild animals, women, world cultures

**DID YOU KNOW:** • Cats have flown into space! • One cat won a prize for music she composed! • Ragdolls, Pixie-Bobs, and Turkish Vans are all breeds are cats! • In some cultures, black cats are very lucky! • Cats have helped police solve crimes!

## THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITY IDEAS . . .

- ... are only a start. There are many possibilities for helping students construct meaning from text.
- Imagine you're one of the sailors on board the HMS Amethyst. Write a letter home telling your family about Simon's adventures and how brave he is.
- Draw a poster or make a collage about one of the cats in the book.
- With a friend, pretend you're a talk show host interviewing one of the Siamese cats that detected the listening devices in the Dutch embassy in Moscow. Create a script, put on costumes, and present your interview to your class.
- The stories in this book take place in many different times and places. In which of these times or places would you most like to live? Give three reasons why.
- Which is your favorite story in the book? Give three reasons why you like it.

## **JOKES TO TICKLE YOUR WHISKERS!**

- What vegetable do cats like the most? As-purr-agus!
- What side of a cat has the most fur? The outside!
- What kind of cats like to go bowling? Alley cats!
- Where did the cats go for a field trip? The mew-seum!
- Why is it hard for a leopard to hide? Because he's always spotted!