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The Day the Sharks Died – by Peter Benchley

1. Describe the good ripple effect of the lobster business on the village in the article.
2. In the beginning of the article how did the sea lions add to the local economy?
3. In the beginning of the article what precautions did the villagers take against the sharks?
4. Why did Peter Benchley say the village had been murdered?
5. Describe the sequence of events that occurred to the villagers when the big boat appeared and destroyed the sharks.
6. Draw a food diagram that shows the normal food chain that was disrupted by the shark kill. How had the sharks helped the ecosystem.
7. Why would the shark population probably not recover?
8. What was the important lesson of this story?