ANSWER KEY for *Murder in Montauk* Check Your Understanding Questions

Answers are only provided for the multiple choice questions or those with only one specific answer.

Chapter 1

1. c
2. d
3. b
4. b
5. he is happy that Charlie is no longer upset about being adopted and accepts him as his father again

Chapter 2

1. a
2. He means that he is not prepared for all the ways his/their life would change because of a baby.
3. b
5. b

Chapter 3

1. b
2. a

Chapter 4

1. a
3. b and c
4. As a reporter, he knows how to use the Internet and other sources to track down information and people.

Chapter 5

1. a
2. c
3. b, c, and d
4. It means that he finds out how people react to the news of his “death,” and that they will miss him or feel sad about losing him.

Chapter 6

1. a
2. all are correct answers
Chapter 7
1. d

Chapter 8
1. a (although an argument can be made for b)
2. b and d
3. a and d

Chapter 9
1. c

Chapter 10
1. All are important, but the most significant is C.
2. Because the Chief is so willing to believe that it was suicide and didn’t investigate anything else.

Chapter 11
1. c although a strong case could be made for b as well
2. It indicates he suspects that the Chief was alone at the site and could be lying about what really happened.
3. He knew that people usually picked numbers or things that were important to them to use as passwords.

Chapter 12
1. c
2. c
3. He wants to make sure Beth knows that the hotel is a nice place to stay and is not the type of place where things like this happen (implying he wasn’t involved in any way).
4. He is afraid it may not be legal and that it could be evidence.
5. He is indicating his own surprise that David killed himself—that is, he wasn’t acting like someone who wanted to take his own life.

Chapter 13
1. d
2. c
3. c
4. a and b

Chapter 14
1. b
2. He knew he wasn’t supposed to drink and forced alcohol on him.
Chapter 15
   1. Chief Malkin recognized David as Charlie, the reporter who investigated the drowning of the boys several years ago and who the Chief thought suspected him of being involved.
   2. He is going to write David’s story.

Chapter 16
   1. d
   2. c