**Activities for…  
Swimming Against the Storm by Jess Butterworth**

**Activity 1**

Eliza and her family live in a house that is raised on stilts. Your challenge is to be an architect and to design and build a model of a house on stilts. Do your research first and find out a bit more about raised houses before you begin.

**Activity 2**

Research the Atchafalaya Basin and find 5 interesting facts about it. Think about how you want to present your facts and look at some images too. Then you could draw pictures, make a storyboard, video or PowerPoint presentation to go along with what you find out.

**Activity 3**

Feu-follet, first mentioned in chapter 14, and the Loup-garou are both creatures of legend that have their origins in French and Louisiana folklore. Your challenge is to write a story about either of these two creatures or you could do a bit more research and see if you find any other mythical creatures from these two cultures and write a story about them instead.

**Activity 4**

Celebrate the ending of the story with a party and enjoy s’mores, gumbo and jambalaya, the foods mentioned in this story. You’ll need to do some research and find a recipe, but you might also like to find other traditional food from this area. Bring it along for all the group to share and enjoy.