

## **Pre-Reading Activities**

### **Discussion Starters:**

- Based on the title and the cover, what do you know and what can you predict about the Dan River twins?
- What will be the setting of the story?
- Will this book be fiction or non-fiction? How do you know this? What does this tell you about the author's purpose? (Highlight how most of the text is fiction, but that there are also non-fiction Fun Facts at the end and on the *Dan River Twins* website.)
- What do you know about the Dan River? What do you predict this story will help you learn about the Dan River?
- Have you ever been on the Dan River Riverwalk? If so, what was it like?
- Have any of you seen a river otter? If so, where? What are river otters' personalities like?
- Are you a twin or do you have any twins in your family? Do you know anyone who is a twin? What do you think life is like in a family with twins?

**ELA 4.1b, 4.5a, b, i, 4.6 a, b, c, i**

**Activity:** See next page for Anticipation Guide