

Journey to the River Sea

Reading Activities

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Chapter 13 & Chapter 14

1. Use a dictionary or ICT to look up the word 'obstinate' and write the meaning of it in your jotter.
1. Describe Miss Minton's connections with Westwood.
2. What did Miss Minton find that was going to make her some money?
3. List some of the things Finn taught Maia about the forest.

Summarise - Remember to record a summary (the main points) of this chapter as a newspaper headline in 10 words only.

Follow Up Task

Making Links and Connections – Text to Self connections.

Write about an experience you have had that is similar to something that has happened in this book. Use these sentence stems 'I know about this because I...' or 'I can identify with this character because...' or 'I've been to/seen...'

Chapter 15 & Chapter 16

1. List the inferences (hints) in Chapter 15 that tells us Westwood is a very grand house.
2. What things did Clovis do to impress Sir Aubrey?
3. What strange things were the Carters getting up to and why do you think this was happening?
4. How had receiving the reward money affected the twins?

5. How would you describe Finn's feelings for Maia?

Summarise - Remember to record a summary (the main points) of this chapter in 2 sentences maximum.

Follow Up Task

Design a new front cover for this book. Don't forget the title and the authors name.

Chapter 17 & Chapter 18

1. What saved Clovis from having to learn to ride?
2. Describe how you think Clovis must be feeling, living a lie as another person.
3. What was going to happen to the Carters if they didn't pay their bills?
4. At the end of Chapter 18 what behaviour do the Carters display that shows just how selfish they are?

Summarise - Remember to record a summary (the main points) of this chapter and publish it.

Follow Up Task

Skimming and Scanning

Scan read through your book and write as many nouns as you can (to be published).

Chapter 19 & Chapter 20

1. Who had Miss Minton got permission for Maia to stay with? How would this be so different from staying with the Carters?
2. Why were the twins crying after the fire?
3. What was to happen to the Carters when they got out of the hospital?
4. What adjectives does the author use to describe the Carter's bungalow when it was on fire?
5. How does Finn manage to help Maia?

6. What did Finn and Maia collect as they travelled through the Amazon?

Summarise - Remember to record a summary (the main points) of this chapter as a ten word headline. What would the headline be?

Follow Up Task

Imagine you are an agony aunt (someone who gives advice to people about their problems) Write some advice that you would give to Maia.

Chapter 21 & Chapter 22

1. Why do you think many people were willing to search for Maia?
2. What does Miss Minton eventually decide to do with Maia after she finds her?
3. Why do you think the author makes a point of telling us Miss Minton has floated a parcel containing her corset down the river?
4. Explain what the 'irony' (the exact opposite of what you would expect) of the twin's lives with Lady Parsons.

Summarise - Remember to record a summary (the main points) of this chapter using this stem 'the key idea is...'

Follow Up Task

Create a wanted poster for Mr. Carter. remember to list why he is wanted and include a phone number for people to call and a reward.

Chapter 23 & 24

1. What type of book was Miss Minton trying to create?
2. List some of the ways the Xanti tribe lived.
3. Who 'rescued' Finn, Maia, Miss Minton and Professor Glastonberry and why?
4. Who had left an important message for Finn?
5. What did Clovis and Finn 'eventually' decide to do regarding the truth about who was the heir to Westwood?
6. Where were Maia, Miss Minton, Professor Glastonberry and Finn finally going to live?

7. How easy do you think it would be now to disappear in the world? Explain your answer.
8. If this book was set in present times, do you think that Finn would have so much control over Maia? Give reasons for your answers.

Summarise - Remember to record a summary (the main points) of this chapter using this sentence stem 'The most important ideas are...and I know that because...'

Follow Up Task

Book Review

Write a review of A Journey to the River Sea, using the headings below to guide you.

Who and when

Who wrote the book and when was it first published?

Setting

Where and when does the story take place?

Plot

What happens? Was it believable? Was it interesting?

Characters

Who are the main characters? Who did you like most? Why?

Reading

Was the book easy to get into? What do you think about the style it is written in? What kind of readers would like this book?

Your opinion

What did you like or dislike about this book? How would you rate it? Brilliant? Good? Average? Terrible?