

Chapters 6—8

Comprehension Check Questions

Directions: Answer the following questions to help guide your understanding of the events in each chapter. Write your answers in complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper.

Chapter 6

1. Write a one-sentence description of Stanley's first camp experience.
2. Who is Clyde Livingston?
3. Why do you think the boys don't believe Stanley stole Clyde Livingston's sneakers?
4. What had Clyde Livingston done with his shoes before they were stolen?
5. What was the true story about Stanley and the sneakers?
6. What does the word "destiny" mean? What is meant by "Stanley had felt like he was holding destiny's shoes" (p. 24)?

Chapter 7

This chapter alternates between Stanley digging his first hole at Camp Green Lake and flashbacks about Stanley's great-great-grandfather. The first four questions are about Stanley digging the hole; the other questions are about the flashback.

1. Describe Stanley's attempts at digging his hole.
2. What will happen if Stanley digs up something interesting?
3. What are some of the problems Stanley encounters while he digs?
4. How does Stanley feel when he finally finishes his hole?
5. What does Elya Yelnats want and what does he have to do to get it?
6. How does Madame Zeroni help Elya? What does Elya have to do?
7. What does Madame Zeroni ask for in return? What will happen if Elya doesn't return the favor?
8. Why does Elya tell Myra to marry Igor?
9. What happens to Elya?
10. Do you think that Stanley's family is cursed? Explain your answer.

Chapter 8

1. What does a yellow-spotted lizard look like?
2. What are the habits of the yellow-spotted lizard?
3. Infer why the narrator spends an entire chapter on the yellow-spotted lizard.