

Chapters 9–14

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 9

1. Explain why the rec room is called the Wreck room.
2. What are the reasons X-Ray gives when he says the second hole is the hardest?
3. What kind of letter does Stanley write to his mother? Why do you think he does this?
4. How does Stanley get his nickname?
5. Infer why Stanley doesn't realize that he is Caveman until the end of the chapter.

Chapter 10

1. How is digging the second hole harder for Stanley? How is it easier?
2. Why is Stanley excited about the fossilized rock?
3. What is Mr. Pendanski's reaction to the rock?
4. How do the boys react to the rock? Why do you think they react this way?
5. Predict the kind of item you think the Warden would think was interesting to dig up. Explain your answer.

Chapter 11

1. What does X-Ray want from Stanley?
2. Why is Stanley surprised that X-Ray is the leader?
3. How does Stanley feel about his new nickname?
4. Analyze why Stanley enjoys his fantasy about Derrick Dunne.

Chapter 12

1. What is going on in the tent when Stanley returns?
2. Who does Stanley blame for his trip to Camp Green Lake?
3. Why do the other boys think that is funny?
4. How does Mr. Pendanski insult Zero?
5. Infer why Zero says, "I like to dig holes"?

Chapter 13

1. What changes does Stanley notice about himself?
2. What is Stanley's reaction when he digs up something that glistens?
3. What did Stanley find?
4. Why does Stanley suggest that X-Ray wait until the next day to show Mom the tube?
5. Explain why Stanley moves up a spot in the water line.

Chapter 14

1. How does X-Ray react the next morning when Stanley asks him if he has the tube?
2. What happens when X-Ray shows Mr. Pendanski the tube?
3. How is X-Ray rewarded?
4. Describe the Warden. What kind of person is she?