

6th Grade 2020



- Forbes, Esther. *Johnny Tremain*. 1943
- Speare, Elizabeth George. *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*. 1958
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Chapters 1-3

1. Where does Kit live before going on this journey?
2. Where does Mistress Eaton spend her summers?
3. What is “a new sensation” for Kit?
4. Why does Kit jump off of the longboat?
5. Describe Goodwife Cruff.
6. How do people on the boat react when Kit says she can swim?
7. Describe John Holbrook.
8. Why does Goodwife Cruff think Kit is a witch?
9. Describe Prudence.
10. Why does Kit live with her grandfather in Barbados?
11. Why is John surprised that Kit reads plays?
12. Why aren't Kit's relatives at the dock to meet her?
13. What is Kit's initial feeling about Wethersfield?
14. Why is Kit's grandfather no longer wealthy?
15. Describe Matthew Wood.

Chapters 4-7

1. What kind of a woman is Rachel?
2. What is wrong with Mercy?
3. How does Matthew Wood react to Kit's giving clothes to his daughters?
4. Why did Kit have to come to Connecticut?
5. What does Judith think of Kit?
6. What are Sabbath houses used for?
7. What does Kit think of the church services?
8. Why does Dr. Bulkeley think Matthew is a traitor?

9. Describe William Ashby.
10. Is Judith upset about the loss of William? Why or why not?
11. Describe William's "call" on Kit.
12. Why is the fact that William has started building his house significant?

Chapters 8-10

1. Describe Kit's feelings about the meadows.
2. Describe Hannah Tupper.
3. What job is Kit offered?
4. What happened to Mercy's brothers?
5. Why did Matthew Wood change after the death of his second son?
6. What does Kit do to anger the schoolmasters?
7. Where does Kit go after she is dismissed as a teacher?
8. Why does Kit go to see Mr. Kimberly?
9. Who is Hannah's seafaring friend? How do we find this out?

Chapters 11-13

1. Who leaves Kit flowers?
2. Why doesn't Prudence go to school?
3. How does Kit teach Prudence to read?
4. What secret does Kit discover about Mercy?
5. What do Nat and Kit do for Hannah?
6. To what does Nat compare Kit?
7. What does Matthew Wood do when he discovers that Kit has been seeing and helping Hannah Tupper?
8. Which Wood girl does John Holbrook like? How do we find out?
9. What does Judith think John was going to say? Why?
10. What is Kit's response to William's marriage proposal?

Chapters 14-16

1. Where does Kit see Nat?
2. How does Kit feel about Governor Andros?

3. Why is the charter “safe”?
4. What happens to William’s new home?
5. Who is one of the men who took part in “the illumination” of William’s home?
6. What is Nat’s punishment for his actions?
7. What does Kit teach Prudence to do (other than to read)?
8. Where does John go?

Chapters 17-18

1. What happens to Judith?
2. How does Mercy react to becoming sick?
3. What is Dr. Bulkeley’s cure for the fever?
4. Where does Kit hide Hannah?
5. Why do the people want Hannah?
6. What makes Kit feel guilty?
7. How do the townspeople suppose Hannah had escaped?
8. What happens to Kit?

Chapters 19-21

1. What evidence does Goodman Cruff bring to the hearing?
2. How is Kit proved to be innocent?
3. What change comes over Goodman Cruff when he finds out that Prudence can read and write?
4. What does John do when he arrives home?
5. Why has William stayed away during Kit’s arrest and hearing?
6. Who is going to be married? (all marriages)
7. How is Kit going to afford passage back to Barbados?
8. Who does Kit realize she loved? When and how does she realize?
9. What does Nat buy?

7th Grade 2020



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Chapters 1-4

1. How does Tom get out of being switched (spanked)?
2. How does Aunt Polly catch Tom for playing hookey (skipping school)?
3. Why does Tom live with his Aunt Polly? With whom else does he live?
4. What does Tom do to the new boy? Why?
5. What is Tom's punishment? How does he escape doing it? What does he do instead?
6. What is Tom's reward for "completing" his Saturday punishment?
7. Why doesn't Aunt Polly belt Sid for breaking the sugar bowl?
8. What is the prize for ten yellow tickets? How does Tom get his ten yellow tickets?
9. How is Tom's deceitfulness revealed?

Chapters 5-8

1. Why does Tom sit next to the aisle in church?
2. Why has Tom enjoyed this Sunday's sermon?
3. Why does Tom sometimes wish that there were no weekend?
4. Why is Tom the center of attention at school the next day?
5. Describe Huck Finn.
6. According to Tom, what are dead cats good for?
7. Next to whom does Tom have to sit, and what does his note to her say?
8. What do Joe and Tom play with during the lessons?
9. What do Tom and Becky do at school during recess? Why does Becky get mad at Tom?
10. What does Tom decide to be? Why?
11. On what does Tom blame the unsuccessful marble spell?

Chapters 9-12

1. Describe Injun Joe, Muff Potter, and Dr. Robinson. (EACH, not together)
2. Why does Huck and Tom decide to keep mum about the graveyard incident?
3. How does Aunt Polly know that Tom had gone out in the middle of the night?
4. Why does the school master let school out?
5. How does Tom try to keep from telling their secrets in his sleep?
6. Why does Tom bring things to Muff Potter in jail?
7. Why do the villagers not tar and feather Injun Joe?
8. What happens to Peter the cat?

Chapters 13-16

1. Who joins Tom in his "life of crime"?
2. Why is Huck suddenly disappointed about the state of his clothes?

3. Why can't Tom and Joe get to sleep very easily?
4. How do the townspeople find drowned bodies in the river?
5. Why do the boys suddenly feel like heroes?
6. Where does Tom go that night?
7. What are Mrs. Harper and Aunt Polly saying about their boys?
8. What does Huck teach Tom and Joe to do? What happens to them?

Chapters 17-22

1. How does Becky react to Tom's "death"?
2. Where do the boys hide during the funeral sermon?
3. What does Aunt Polly do to Tom and Huck upon their return?
4. What is Tom's "dream"?
5. What does Tom do to anger Becky? Why?
6. What does Alfred do to Tom's spelling book?
7. Why is Aunt Polly angry with Tom?
8. How does Aunt Polly know Tom is telling the truth about the bark?
9. What makes Becky tear the teacher's book?
10. What noble thing does Tom do?
11. How do the boys steal Mr. Dobbins' wig? Why?

Chapters 23-28

1. What does Tom tell the court?
2. How do the townspeople react to Tom's telling on Injun Joe?
3. Why are Tom's nights scary?
4. Why do Tom and Huck go back to the dead limb tree at midnight?
5. Why do the boys stop treasure hunting?
6. Who is "the Spaniard"?
7. Why are the boys distressed that they have left the spade and pick downstairs?
8. Why does Tom think that maybe the adventure was a dream?
9. What plan do Tom and Huck make for finding the real treasure?
10. How does Tom get in to the Number Two? What scares Tom after he gets in?

Chapters 29-35

1. Who saves the Widow Douglas? From whom and what does she need to be saved?
2. What ends the search for the two men who are near Widow Douglas' house?
3. How do Tom and Becky get lost in the cave?
4. Why does Tom blow out Becky's candle?
5. Who else is in the cave at the same time as Becky and Tom?
6. How are Becky and Tom saved?
7. What happens to Injun Joe?
8. How does Tom convince Huck to stay with the Widow Douglas?

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- Conan Doyle, Sir Arthur *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. 1902
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Chapter 1

1. Who is the narrator?
2. From what object does Watson and Holmes learn about James Mortimer? What clues does it provide?
3. What did Holmes deduce from the clues on the stick?
4. How did Mortimer inadvertently insult Holmes?

Chapter 2

1. What was Dr. Mortimer's relationship with Sir Charles Baskerville?
2. What does the manuscript dated 1742 say?
3. What were the circumstances of Sir Charles Baskerville's death?
4. Who is Charles Baskerville's next of kin?
5. What are the "private facts" Dr. Mortimer tells Holmes?

Chapter 3

1. Why had no one else seen the footprints of the hound?
2. Describe the creature on the moor that several people saw prior to Charles's death.
3. What does Dr. Mortimer want of Holmes?
4. Who are Charles's other kinsmen?
5. What advice does Holmes give Mortimer?
6. What is Holmes's theory about Charles's death?

Chapter 4

1. Henry Baskerville receives a note at the Northumberland Hotel; what is the message?
2. What does Holmes deduce from the message?
3. What does Henry lose at the hotel?
4. Why does Holmes follow Henry Baskerville and Dr. Mortimer?
5. Who does Holmes see in the cab on Regent Street?

Chapter 5

1. Why does Holmes want to look at the hotel register? What does he find?
2. Why is Holmes glad Sir Henry decided to go to Baskerville Hall?
3. Why does Holmes send a telegraph to Barrymore?
4. Who goes to stay with Sir Henry at Baskerville Hall? Why?
5. What are the "three broken threads"?

Chapter 6

1. What people does Holmes want Watson to study with special attention?
2. Why is there a mounted soldier along the road by the moor?
3. Why do Mr. and Mrs. Barrymore want to leave Baskerville Hall?
4. What sound does Watson hear in the middle of the night?

Chapter 7

1. What does Mr. Barrymore lie about?
2. Why does Watson go to Grimpen? What does he find out there?
3. Who runs up behind Watson on the road from Grimpen to Baskerville Hall?
4. Describe Merripit House in detail.
5. What bad place does Stapleton claim to be able to cross?
6. What strange sound does Watson hear in the moor while at Merripit House with Stapleton?
7. What explanations does Stapleton give for the sound?
8. What warning does Stapleton's sister mistakenly give to Watson?

Chapter 8

1. Watson said his "popularity would soon suffer" if he were to carry out Holmes's orders to the letter. Why?
2. What did Watson tell Holmes about Frankland?
3. What strange event did Watson witness in the middle of the night?

Chapter 9

1. What did Watson discover about the window Barrymore had looked out? What conclusion does he draw?
2. What did Watson witness from the hill?
3. What explanation did Stapleton give for his behavior towards his sister and Henry?
4. What explanation did Mr. and Mrs. Barrymore give for Mr. Barrymore's late-night visits to the west window?
5. Why did Watson and Sir Henry venture out onto the moor?
6. What sound did Watson and Henry hear when they were out on the moor looking for Selden?

Chapter 10

1. Why did Sir Henry agree not to pursue Selden anymore?
2. What additional information did Barrymore give Mr. Watson?
3. Who was "L.L."?
4. What useful information about the "other man on the moor" did Barrymore give Watson?

Chapter 11

1. How did Watson persuade Laura Lyons to answer his questions?
2. Why did Laura Lyons write to Sir Charles seeking a meeting?
3. Why didn't Laura keep her appointment with Sir Charles?
4. What good information did Watson get from Frankland on his day of celebration?
5. Who was the "Man on the Tor"?

Chapter 12

1. How did Holmes know Watson was inside the dwelling?
2. Who was Miss Stapleton?
3. Mrs. Stapleton deceived Henry (among others). Who did Mr. Stapleton deceive about his marital status?
4. Whose death did Holmes and Watson witness on the moor?

Chapter 13

1. Why didn't Watson and Holmes have Stapleton arrested after Selden's death?
2. Why did Holmes find the portrait of Hugo Baskerville so interesting?
3. What motive did Stapleton have for killing Charles and Henry?
4. How did Holmes get Laura Lyons to divulge all that she knew?

Chapter 14

1. Who did Watson see at Merripit House? Who was missing?
2. What unexpected problem caused trouble for Holmes's plan?
3. What surprised Holmes and Watson?
4. What happened to the "Hound of the Baskervilles"?
5. What made the hound appear to have a flaming mouth?
6. Who did Holmes and Watson find in the upper floor bedroom of Merripit House?
7. What help did Mrs. Stapleton offer?
8. What happened to Mr. Stapleton?
9. What did they find at the mine?

Chapter 15

What was disclosed in Chapter 15?