

The Sign of the Beaver

Chapter One - Two

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

1. Where and when does this novel take place?
 - a) In Boston, Massachusetts during the American Revolution.
 - b) In a small town in the Midwest during the Westward Expansion.
 - c) On the shores of the Great Lakes during the Industrial Revolution.
 - d) In a forest, in the Maine Territory during the colonial period.

2. Why did Matt's father tell him to cut notches in sticks?
 - a) To keep track of the number of Indians he saw.
 - b) To help him keep track of the days passing.
 - c) To make them into kindling for the fire.
 - d) To make them better for spearing small game.

3. What worried Matt's father about the fireplace?
 - a) It was leaning to one side, and he feared it would fall over.
 - b) He worried it would let too much smoke in the house and Matt would choke.
 - c) He was worried it would not keep a fire burning all night and Matt might freeze.
 - d) He was worried it would catch fire because it was made of wood.

4. How did Matt feel after his father left?
 - a) Matt felt lonely and nervous.
 - b) Matt felt excited about his new adventure.
 - c) Matt felt sad and frightened.
 - d) Matt felt mature and grown up.

5. Which of the following words would describe Matt and his father?
 - a) Playful and jovial
 - b) Hardworking and quiet
 - c) Mean and angry
 - d) Lazy and sloppy

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6. According to Matt's father, how should one speak to a Native American?
 - a) You should speak in a loud voice, as though you are yelling.
 - b) You should speak very slowly, as if you were speaking to a small child.
 - c) You should speak politely and respectfully, as though they were a deacon.
 - d) You should never speak with a Native American.
7. Why was Matt feeling uneasy?
 - a) He felt his father would come back soon.
 - b) He felt as though he would not really make it on his own.
 - c) He felt as though someone was watching him.
 - d) He felt an animal may be stalking him.
8. Matt had to fell trees around the homestead. What does it mean to fell a tree?
 - a) To fell a tree means to trip over its roots.
 - b) To fell a tree means to pull a tree out by its roots.
 - c) To fell a tree means to climb a tree and fall out of it.
 - d) To fell a tree means to cut a tree down.
9. What two things of importance did Matt's father leave with him?
 - a) He left his watch and his gun.
 - b) He left his gun and a live coal.
 - c) He left a live coal and his watch.
 - d) He left a barrel full of flour and some molasses.
10. What did Matt long for?
 - a) Matt longed to go to school and have friends.
 - b) Matt longed to play games with his sister.
 - c) Matt longed for a home cooked meal.
 - d) Matt longed for someone to share his stories with.

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Chapter Three - Four

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

1. Who was Matt's first visitor?
 - a) The church deacon came to visit.
 - b) A bear came into the house.
 - c) A Native American chief came to visit.
 - d) A man named Ben came to visit.

2. Ben said most of the Native Americans had left the area. What reason did he give?
 - a) They left because the US Government told them they had to go.
 - b) They left because many were killed in the war and the rest had become sick.
 - c) They left because the Canadian government invited them north.
 - d) They left because the bugs were terrible, and they prefer to live at the beach.

3. What was Matt concerned about when Ben was in the house? (Choose 2)
 - a) Matt was concerned Ben would eat all his food.
 - b) Matt was concerned Ben would bring tobacco into the house.
 - c) Matt was concerned that Ben would never leave.
 - d) Matt was concerned Ben would show the Native Americans the way to his house.

4. What did Ben take from the house?
 - a) The last barrel of flour
 - b) The family's pewter tableware
 - c) The tobacco
 - d) Matt's father's gun

5. What impact did losing the gun have on Matt? (Choose 2)
 - a.) It did not affect Matt because he did not know how to shoot a gun.
 - b.) Matt could no longer practice his target shooting.
 - c.) Matt could no longer hunt.
 - d.) Matt could not protect himself.

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6. Who was Matt's second visitor?
 - a) A Native American boy came to visit.
 - b) A bear came into the house.
 - c) Ben came back for dinner.
 - d) A squirrel came into the cabin.

7. Ben spoke with a drawl. What is a drawl?
 - a) A drawl is when someone speaks slowly and drags out the syllables.
 - b) A drawl is when people combine two languages.
 - c) A drawl is when someone uses very large words to impress others.
 - d) A drawl is when someone speaks with their mouth full of food.

8. Ben wanted a mite of tobacco. What is a "mite"?
 - a) Mite is to be very strong.
 - b) Mite is a small bug, similar to a flea.
 - c) Mite is a small amount.
 - d) Mite is a block of something.

9. Matt thought, "What would father think?" after Ben stole the gun, and "Would Pa say I had done wrong by letting Ben in the cabin?" What do these quotes tell you about Matt?
 - a) Matt cares deeply about what his father thinks of him.
 - b) Matt is angry about his father leaving him all alone.
 - c) Matt is careless and forgetful and does not want his father to find out.
 - d) Matt is a loner and wishes he would have told Ben to go away.

10. What is a possible theme for these two chapters?
 - a) Life was difficult for the colonists.
 - b) The colonists were mean and cruel.
 - c) You should never trust a stranger.
 - d) You should never leave a young person alone.

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Chapter Five - Six

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

1. How did Matt's father know the bees in the tree were not wild?
 - a) The honeybees were too tame and friendly to be wild.
 - b) There were no wild bees in North America before the colonists brought them from England.
 - c) There is no such things as "wild bees".
 - d) The bees in the trees did not make honey.
2. Why did Matt decide to climb the bee tree?
 - a) Matt wanted to cut it down for firewood.
 - b) Matt wanted to move the hive closer to the cabin.
 - c) Matt was craving something sweet.
 - d) Matt wanted to see the land from above the trees.
3. Why did Matt run for the water?
 - a) Matt thought the cabin was on fire.
 - b) Matt was craving something sweet.
 - c) Matt planned to throw water on the hive to drive the bees away from the honey.
 - d) Matt knew bees do not like water.
4. Who rescued Matt?
 - a) Two Native Americans
 - b) Ben
 - c) Matt's father
 - d) No one, he crawled back to the cabin on his own.
5. What did Saknis bring to Matt? (Choose all correct answers.)
 - a) Stew
 - b) Fish
 - c) Moccasins
 - d) Crutch

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Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

6. What did Matt offer to Saknis for saving his life?
 - a) Matt gave Saknis some extra corn cake.
 - b) Matt gave Saknis the family Bible.
 - c) Matt gave Saknis some silver coins.
 - d) Matt gave Saknis a book.
7. What was the treaty between Saknis and Matt?
 - a) Attean would bring Matt food, Matt would teach Attean to read.
 - b) Attean would show Matt how to hunt, Matt would teach Attean to read.
 - c) Matt would show Attean how to cook, Attean would teach Matt how to fish.
 - d) Matt would teach Attean to read, and Saknis and Attean agreed to not tell anyone where Matt's cabin was.
8. How was Attean feeling when his grandfather made the treaty with Matt?
 - a) bewildered and confused
 - b) sadness and remorse
 - c) anger and resentment
 - d) excitement and anticipation
9. Why did Saknis think it was important that Attean learn to read?
 - a) He wanted Attean to read so he could learn about the new people moving into the forest.
 - b) He wanted Attean to read so he could go to school with Matt and his sister.
 - c) He wanted Attean to read so he could read and understand hunting treaties.
 - d) He wanted Attean to read so he could read stories to his family.
10. When Attean learned he would be coming back to learn to read, he muttered some incomprehensible words under his breath. What does "incomprehensible" mean?
 - a) It means Attean said things no one could understand.
 - b) It means Attean shouted at his grandfather in a disrespectful way.
 - c) It means Attean turned to his grandfather and spoke in his native language.
 - d) It means Attean was excited to read and said thank you to his grandfather quietly.

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Chapter Seven - Eight

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

1. Matt thought it was discouraging reading to a "wooden post", as he was referring to Attean. What does this metaphor mean?
 - a) It means that Attean could not hear very well.
 - b) It means that Attean sat upright, listening with no emotion.
 - c) It means that Matt spent many evenings alone reading to the walls of the cabin.
 - d) It means Attean left firewood, instead of food, for Attean.
2. Why did Attean think that a white man was not as smart as an Indian?
 - a) He said the Indian would have known how to navigate the high seas and would not have caused the shipwreck.
 - b) He thought the Indian would have packed a chest full of tools he needed, and they would have floated ashore.
 - c) He thought the Indian would have been able to swim ashore and would not need rescuing.
 - d) He thought the Indian would not need any supplies from the ship because he could make everything he needed.
3. What were some of the items Robinson Crusoe was able to salvage from the ship?
 - a) nails, bullets, hatchets, and a hammock
 - b) nails, bullets, a hammock, and a hammer
 - c) bullets, a hammock, crockery, and matches
 - d) bullets, nails, a hammer, and a hatchet
4. Why did Attean have bear grease rubbed all over him?
 - a) to keep the flies away
 - b) to stop the animal he is hunting from smelling him
 - c) to keep the mosquitos away
 - d) to help him slip through the forest easily
5. Why did Attean knock everything over on the table?
 - a) He wanted to learn to read more quickly.
 - b) He wanted to go on the hunt.
 - c) He did not want to sit so close to Matt.
 - d) He was tired of Matt's attitude.

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Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

6. After reading, Matt felt disappointed and cross. What does cross mean in this sentence?
 - a) Cross means tired.
 - b) Cross is two wooden posts that lay across each other.
 - c) Cross means annoyed.
 - d) Cross is a religious symbol.
7. What book did Matt read to Attean?
 - a) A is For Adam
 - b) Little House on the Prairie
 - c) The Bible
 - d) Robinson Crusoe
8. Why did Matt decide to read the book to Attean?
 - a) He decided to read the book because he didn't think Attean could ever learn to read.
 - b) He decided to read the book in order to hold Attean's interest in learning to read.
 - c) He decided to read the book because he did not want Attean to learn to read.
 - d) He decided to read the book in order to show Attean that a white man is smarter than an Indian.
9. What surprised Matt about Attean?
 - a) Matt was surprised at how much food Attean would bring.
 - b) Matt was surprised at how quickly Attean learned to read.
 - c) Matt was surprised at how quiet Attean was.
 - d) Matt was surprised at how much of Robinson Crusoe he understood.
10. In chapter 7, Matt refers to Attean as a "heathen" and a "savage". What does this tell you about how Matt has prejudged Attean?
 - a) It tells you that Matt thought of Attean as a good friend.
 - b) It tells you that Matt thought of Attean as a wild and crazy type of guy.
 - c) It tells you that Matt thought of Attean as less of a person.
 - d) It tells you that Matt thought of Attean as equal to him.

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Chapter Nine - Ten

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

1. What did Matt catch in his snare first?
 - a) Matt caught a partridge.
 - b) Matt caught a rabbit.
 - c) Matt caught a bear cub.
 - d) Matt caught a fish.

2. Matt told Attean that he no longer needed him to bring food. However, Attean continued to bring other items. What does that tell you about Attean's character?
 - a) Attean has many things at home he no longer need and wants to give them to Matt.
 - b) Attean feels sorry for Matt and brings items because he doesn't think Matt can make it alone.
 - c) Attean knows Matt cannot hunt very well without a gun, so he continues to bring food.
 - d) Attean upholds the commitments he and his grandfather make, so he continues his end of the bargain.

3. What made Attean so upset?
 - a) Attean was upset because Matt was acting very condescending toward him.
 - b) Attean was upset because he did not want to learn to read.
 - c) Attean was upset because he felt it was not right for a Native to be a slave to a white man.
 - d) Attean was upset because he was late getting home.

4. What thought was troubling to Matt at the end of Chapter 9?
 - a) He no longer wanted Attean to come over to visit, but he had no choice.
 - b) He began to question the thought that white men were superior to Native Americans.
 - c) He could not figure out if Attean was an enemy or a friend.
 - d) He could not understand why he had to continue to be so polite to Attean, as his father had instructed.

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Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

5. What was Matt's problem when he fished?
 - a) Matt continually lost his shoes in the pond.
 - b) Matt's fishing line kept breaking and he lost his hook.
 - c) Matt felt as though Attean was mocking him.
 - d) Matt could not find any worms, and he did not bring any with him.

6. Compare how Attean fished with how Matt fished.
 - a) Matt used a spear, but Attean used a hook and line.
 - b) Matt used a spear, but Attean used a net.
 - c) Matt used a fishing line and hook, but Attean spoke to the fish.
 - d) Matt used a line and hook, but Attean used a spear.

7. What did Attean tell the fish as he threw it back in the water?
 - a) Attean told him to come back when he was bigger.
 - b) Attean told him to stop eating Matt's worms.
 - c) Attean told him to swim away as fast as he could.
 - d) Attean told him not to tell the other fish about Matt and him.

8. Matt described the character in Robinson Crusoe as "thickheaded". What does that mean?
 - a) It means he had thick hair.
 - b) It means he was fat and tired.
 - c) It means he was unintelligent and not very smart.
 - d) It means he had a thick and very protective skull.

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Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

9. Matt swung his catch nonchalantly. What does it mean to do something nonchalantly?
- a) It means to do something gracefully.
 - b) It means to do something casually.
 - c) It means to do something with intensity.
 - d) It means to do something slowly and carefully.
10. Attean taught Matt how to build a snare. Which of the following could be considered a snare?

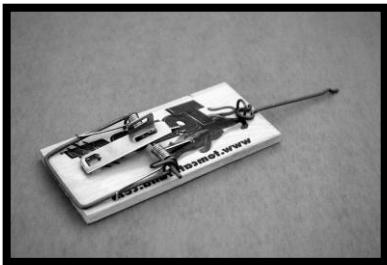
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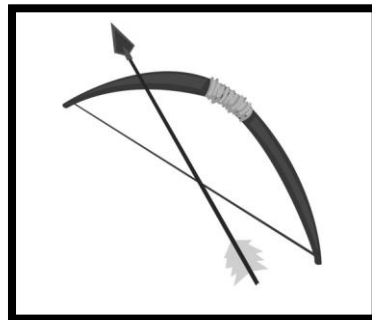
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Chapter Eleven - Twelve

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Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

1. What was the significance of the beaver symbols carved into the trees?
 - a) The carvings showed the path to the beaver dam.
 - b) The carvings showed the hunting boundaries of the Beaver people.
 - c) The carvings showed which trees the beavers could cut down.
 - d) The carvings were pictures of the beavers the white men had killed.

2. How did Attean help Matt find his way through the forest?
 - a) Attean showed Matt the secret path through the forest.
 - b) Attean showed Matt how to make secret signs to guide him through the forest.
 - c) Attean showed Matt a map he could use to find his way through the forest.
 - d) Attean showed him how to blaze the trees with a knife to show his way back through the forest.

3. Using clues from the text, infer how Attean actually felt about his dog.
 - a) Attean loved his dog.
 - b) Attean thought his dog was good for nothing.
 - c) Attean was frustrated because his dog followed him everywhere.
 - d) Attean did not like his dog.

4. What did Matt decide to make for himself?
 - a) He decided to make a new fishing pole.
 - b) He decided to make a larger snare.
 - c) He decided to make a doll for his sister.
 - d) He decided to make a bow for himself.

5. Matt worked on the bow hastily. Attean told him to work slowly. Hastily and slowly are:
 - a) synonyms
 - b) similes
 - c) antonyms
 - d) metaphors

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6. When the bow was finished, Matt admired their joint handiwork. What does that mean?
 - a) Matt looked with pleasure at the creation they made together.
 - b) Matt was proud of the bow he made himself.
 - c) Matt looked at the bow with pride but felt remorse he didn't do more of the work.
 - d) Matt looked at the bow with disappointment and embarrassment.
7. Matt was chagrined when Attean came out of the forest and surprised him while he was practicing with the bow he made on his own. What does it mean to be "chagrined"?
 - a) It means to be happy and excited.
 - b) It means to be startled and surprised.
 - c) It means to be embarrassed and humiliated.
 - d) It means to be angry and cross.
8. Attean brought Matt a bowstring made from sinew to replace the bowstring made from spruce root. Why would sinew make a better bowstring?
 - a) Sinew is an animal ligament and is very tough and strong.
 - b) Sinew comes from a plant leaf and is very easy to find and use.
 - c) Sinew can be bought at store and comes on a big roll.
 - d) Sinew comes from the rubber plant and is very flexible.
9. As Matt tied one end of the spruce root to the bow, the bow began to slowly bend the wood. The bow seemed to be as stiff as iron. The underlined sentence is a :
 - a) metaphor
 - b) simile
 - c) interjection
 - d) idiom
10. From the clues in the story, infer what Matt wanted from Attean most?
 - a) more food
 - b) respect
 - c) friendship
 - d) seriousness

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Chapter Thirteen - Fourteen

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

1. What happened to the fox in this chapter?
 - a) The fox was caught by a bear.
 - b) The fox was caught in a steel trap.
 - c) The fox was caught in her den opening.
 - d) The fox was caught by the Turtle Clan.
2. Why did Attean just walk away and not help the animal?
 - a) Attean told Matt to sit with the fox while he went for help.
 - b) Attean walked away from the fox because he was afraid of it.
 - c) Attean did not like foxes because they hunted beavers.
 - d) Attean had to respect the fact that the fox was caught on Turtle Clan land.
3. Attean may not have been learning to read on his visits to Matt, however he was learning something. What was he learning?
 - a) Attean was learning to speak English.
 - b) Attean was learning to hunt with traps.
 - c) Attean was learning how to respect the white man.
 - d) Attean was learning squaw skills.
4. What could be a theme of this chapter?
 - a) Life was very difficult for both the Native Americans and the colonists.
 - b) You can never have true friendship with someone who is different from you.
 - c) It is better to have a lot of money rather than skills.
 - d) You must put aside your judgements and get to know someone for who they are.
5. How was the story of Noah in the Bible similar to the story Attean told?
 - a) Both stories tell of a Great Spirit who was angry with man on Earth, so they sent a great windstorm.
 - b) Both stories tell of birds who began life on Earth, and a Great Mother.
 - c) Both stories tell of beavers who become Gods and send birds to help the people.
 - d) Both stories tell of a great rain, three birds that told of dry land, and one man who brought life to Earth.

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Chapter Thirteen - Fourteen

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

6. What did Matt often daydream about?
 - a) Matt daydreamed about the day his family would come back.
 - b) Matt daydreamed about a time when he would not have to do so much work around the homestead.
 - c) Matt daydreamed about a time he would rescue or somehow save Attean.
 - d) Matt daydreamed about having more food to eat.
7. Why might be a reason Matt had those daydreams?
 - a) Matt wanted to become a member of Attean's family.
 - b) Matt did not like Attean and wanted something bad to happen to him.
 - c) Matt wanted to earn Attean's respect.
 - d) Matt wanted Attean to be his slave as in Robinson Crusoe.
8. What were some things that were beginning to frustrate and annoy Matt in this chapter?
 - a) Matt could not understand how Attean could leave an animal in a trap and was growing tired of Attean's scorn for white men.
 - b) Matt was becoming annoyed with Attean's scorn for white men and wanted Attean to learn to read quicker.
 - c) Matt could not understand how Attean could leave an animal in a trap and was growing tired of Attean not bring him food anymore.
 - d) Matt could not understand why Attean seemed to hate animals so much.
9. Attean showed Matt how to improvise a raincoat. What does improvise mean in this sentence?
 - a) Improvise is to draw out detailed plans to make something.
 - b) Improvise means to steal ideas from other people.
 - c) Improvise means to sew something quickly.
 - d) Improvise means to make something on the fly or spontaneously.
10. Matt was indignant when he realized the fox was on Turtle Clan hunting grounds and Attean would not be helping it. What does indignant mean in this sentence?
 - a) Indignant is wishful thinking that something else will happen.
 - b) Indignant is anger at something that seems unfair.
 - c) Indignant is embarrassment at someone else's bad behavior.
 - d) Indignant is being stubborn and argumentative.

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Chapter Fifteen - Sixteen

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

1. What did Matt catch with his bow and arrow?
 - a) Matt caught a partridge.
 - b) Matt caught a bear cub.
 - c) Matt caught a rabbit.
 - d) Matt caught a porcupine.

2. Why should you not run if you encounter a bear?
 - a) You should not run because the bear will think you are trying to scare him.
 - b) You should not run because a bear can smell your tracks and will come find you.
 - c) You should not run because a bear will climb a tree and jump onto you.
 - d) You should not run because bears can run as fast as or faster than a human.

3. What did Attean and Matt kill?
 - a) Attean and Matt killed a rabbit.
 - b) Attean and Matt killed a bear.
 - c) Attean and Matt killed a bear cub.
 - d) Attean and Matt killed a partridge.

4. Why did the bear come after Attean and Matt?
 - a) The bear was angry about being caught in a steel trap.
 - b) The bear wanted more food from Matt's house and Matt kept the door latched.
 - c) The bear was trying to protect her cub.
 - d) The bear was trying to hunt on Beaver Clan land and was angry that there were so many humans.

5. How did Matt help in killing the bear?
 - a) Matt distracted the bear by throwing the rabbit at him.
 - b) Matt used his bow and arrow to kill the bear.
 - c) Matt tackled the bear and wrestled it to the ground.
 - d) Matt ran away to get the bear to chase him so Attean could run for help.

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Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

6. What did Attean say to the bear after she had died?
 - a) Attean told the bear it was Matt's fault he had to kill her.
 - b) Attean told the bear not to tell the other bears where they were.
 - c) Attean told the bear not to worry about her cub, he would be okay.
 - d) Attean told the bear he was sorry he had to kill her.
7. Why did Attean insist Matt take the rabbit?
 - a) Attean would not be sharing the bear meat with Matt, so he wanted him to have dinner.
 - b) Attean did not believe in killing for sport and everything that was killed must be put to good use.
 - c) Attean did not want other predators in the forest to smell the rabbit and come around.
 - d) Attean's clan did not eat bear meat, so he wanted to take the rabbit for dinner.
8. When thinking of his father, Matt "Felt the snake of worry crawling behind every thought." What does that metaphor mean?
 - a) Although Matt was busy, he still worried whether his family was coming back.
 - b) Matt was worried that his mother and sister would be bitten by snakes.
 - c) Matt worried his father would not approve of him catching snakes.
 - d) When Matt thought of his family, he imagined they were bitten by snakes.
9. Matt wondered if an accident had befallen his father. What is a synonym for befallen?
 - a) fall down
 - b) something happened
 - c) come across; find
 - d) change

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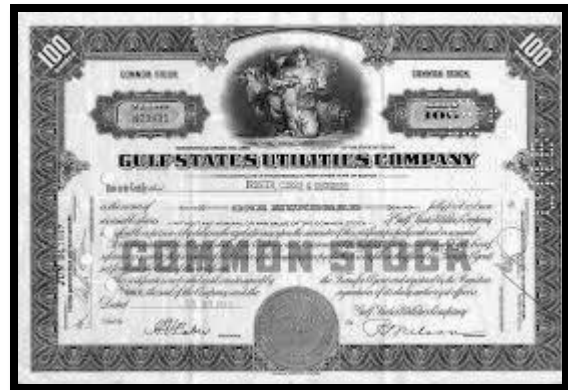
Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

10. The Indian village was behind a stockade. Which of the following might be a stockade?

a.)



b.)



c.)



d.)



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Chapter Seventeen - Eighteen

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

1. Why did Attean hurry Matt out of the village?
 - a) Attean's grandmother did not like white men.
 - b) Attean wanted to go hunting early with Matt.
 - c) Matt was being disrespectful, and Attean thought he should go home.
 - d) Attean's family did not have enough food to continue feeding Matt.
2. What happened to Attean's mother?
 - a) She was lost in the forest and never heard from again.
 - b) She was killed by white men for no reason.
 - c) She died in childbirth.
 - d) She went to live with the Turtle Clan.
3. Why did Matt sleep in the empty wigwam rather than stay with Attean's family?
 - a) He was not welcome in Attean's grandmother's house.
 - b) He snored very loudly and would wake up the others.
 - c) He slept in the guest wigwam, where only guests are allowed to sleep.
 - d) Because he did not kill the bear, he did not deserve to sleep in the main wigwam.
4. What happened to Attean's father?
 - a) He tried to fight Saknis for leadership and lost.
 - b) He had to leave the village to find food and did not come back.
 - c) He was killed by a bear on the hunt.
 - d) He was most likely killed when he went to looking for Attean's mother's killer.
5. What were some of the clues Matt noticed that told him autumn was approaching?
 - a) The geese were beginning to fly south.
 - b) The leaves on the maple trees were turning red.
 - c) The birch and aspen trees were turning yellow.
 - d) All of the above.

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Chapter Seventeen - Eighteen

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

6. Why was Attean not allowed to go on the hunt with the other men?
 - a) The clan did not need to hunt this month.
 - b) Attean was too young.
 - c) Attean did not have a gun.
 - d) Attean broke his bow and arrow.

7. What did Attean's Grandmother do to help Matt?
 - a) She cleaned and bandaged his wound.
 - b) She gave him bowls to cook in.
 - c) She gave him blankets and furs to keep him warm in the winter.
 - d) She told Matt where to find Attean.

8. Who helped Matt free Attean's dog?
 - a) Attean's grandmother helped to free the dog.
 - b) Saknis helped free the dog.
 - c) Marie, Attean's sister, helped to free the dog.
 - d) No one would help because the dog was on Turtle Clan land.

9. In the Indian village, there was a taggle of children. What is a taggle of children?
 - a) A taggle of children is a group of children that do not have parents and are being raised by the village.
 - b) A taggle of children is an odd mix of children of different sizes and dressed in different ways.
 - c) A taggle of children is a crude picture of the children the clan uses for identification.

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Chapter Seventeen - Eighteen

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

10. The village women were using a mortar and pestle to grind corn into corn flour. Which of the following is a mortar and pestle?

a.)



b.)



c.)



d.)



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Chapter Nineteen - Twenty

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

1. Why was Matt interested in watching how the Native American women work?
 - a) Matt wanted to eat some of the food they were making.
 - b) Matt wanted to learn their skills.
 - c) Matt was interested in teaching his mother a better way to do things.
 - d) Matt had never seen Native American women before.

2. What did Matt lose in the bone game?
 - a) Matt lost his shirt.
 - b) Matt lost his money.
 - c) Matt lost his hunting knife.
 - d) Matt lost his bow and arrow.

3. What would we call the game the Native American boys were playing with a ball and sticks with nest on the ends?
 - a) Baseball
 - b) Lacrosse
 - c) Hockey
 - d) Dodge Ball

4. Why was Matt welcomed back into Attean's village?
 - a) Matt was welcomed because Attean's grandfather thought it was time for him to become a member of his family.
 - b) Matt was welcomed because Attean's sister was ill, and they hoped Matt could help her.
 - c) Matt was welcome because Attean wanted to present him with a bear claw for helping him kill the bear.
 - d) Matt was welcomed because Attean's grandmother was impressed that he would save an Indian dog.

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Chapter Nineteen - Twenty

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

5. How was Matt's life different from Attean's life?
 - a) Matt's life was full of academics, Attean's life was one of a hunter.
 - b) Matt's life was carefree and fun, Attean's life was full of hardships.
 - c) Matt's life was full of family, Attean was very lonely.
 - d) Matt's life was full of chores, Attean's life was carefree.

6. What is a manitou?
 - a) A manitou is a powerful animal that is hunted by Native Americans.
 - b) A manitou is the creation god of the Native Americans.
 - c) A manitou is a personal spirit found by Native American boys when they become men.
 - d) A manitou is a series of songs, chants, and prayers a Native American might recite.

7. How would a manitou come?
 - a) It would come as a dream, vision, or a voice.
 - b) It would be given to a young man by the leader of the tribe.
 - c) It would be passed down from father to son, or from grandfather to grandson.
 - d) It would be given to a young man at birth by his mother.

8. Why did Matt feel so content after leaving the Indian village?
 - a) He felt content because he was full of food.
 - b) He felt content because he had learned to play games and was pretty good at them.
 - c) He felt content because he could now go back and forth to the village whenever he wanted to.
 - d) He felt content because he felt accepted by Attean's family.

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Chapter Nineteen - Twenty

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

9. Why did Matt feel shut out from Attean?
- a) Matt felt shut out because his family had returned, and his mother would no longer let him spend time with Attean.
 - b) Matt felt shut out because he did not understand Attean's manitou journey.
 - c) Matt felt shut out because Attean's grandmother changed her mind about letting Matt come to the village.
 - d) Matt felt shut out because he could not understand the language the Native Americans spoke.
10. Why did Matt feel conflicted about Attean finding his manitou?
- a) Matt felt conflicted because if Attean did not find his manitou, he would blame Matt.
 - b) Matt felt conflicted because Attean would not tell him anything about the process of finding a manitou.
 - c) Matt felt conflicted because he wanted a manitou but did not want to become a member of the tribe.
 - d) Matt felt conflicted because he wanted Attean to find his manitou, but he knew Attean would not come as often.

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Chapter Twenty-One – Twenty-Two

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

1. What did Saknis and Attean come to speak with Matt about?
 - a) They came to discuss Matt coming with them when they moved for the winter.
 - b) They came to discuss hunting boundaries.
 - c) They came to take back the gifts they had given Matt because Attean did not learn to read.
 - d) They came to tell Matt his family would not be coming back.
2. What were the clues that Attean had found his manitou?
 - a) Attean was covered with bear grease, and he brought his new wife with him.
 - b) Attean was lean from not eating for over a week.
 - c) Attean's head was shaved, and he was much taller.
 - d) Attean's head was shaved, he was covered with bear grease, and he was very solemn.
3. What did Attean give to Matt as a gift?
 - a) his dog
 - b) snowshoes
 - c) maple sugar
 - d) a manitou
4. What did Matt give to Attean as a gift?
 - a) Matt gave him new store-bought boots.
 - b) Matt gave him the Robinson Crusoe book.
 - c) Matt gave him his father's watch.
 - d) Matt gave him his father's gun.

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Chapter Twenty-One – Twenty-Two

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

5. What did Attean say that touched Matt?
 - a) Attean told Matt he was the best lacrosse player.
 - b) Attean called Matt his "white brother".
 - c) Attean told Matt he reminded him of his father.
 - d) Attean told Matt he would remember him forever.

6. Why could Matt now understand why white people that lived with Native Americans often did not return to white society?
 - a) Matt realized what kind and generous people they were.
 - b) Matt realized they Native Americans were very manipulative.
 - c) Matt realized how selfish and cruel the Native American people were.
 - d) Matt realized how poor the Native Americans were, so no one could afford to leave.

7. How was Matt's view of landownership different from Attean's?
 - a) Matt thought you could own land, Attean thought the land was just there.
 - b) Matt thought only men could own land, Attean thought only villages could own land.
 - c) Matt thought it was okay to change the land by cutting down trees and damming rivers, Attean thought changing the land was a sin.
 - d) Matt thought no one could own land, as it belonged to everyone. Attean thought that only Native Americans owned land.

8. Matt finally felt he had earned Attean's respect. What did he do that Attean respected?
 - a) Matt finally won in the bones game.
 - b) Matt trained the dog to behave properly.
 - c) Matt killed another bear on his own.
 - d) Matt decided to stay and wait for his father.

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Chapter Twenty-One – Twenty-Two

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

9. How did Attean feel about Matt's decision to stay on the land?
- a) Attean understood and would have done the same.
 - b) Attean was angry.
 - c) Attean understood Matt's decision, but thought it was the wrong thing to do.
 - d) Attean did not understand and felt betrayed.
10. Why was Attean's family not coming back after the hunt?
- a) They wanted to live closer to the coast.
 - b) They had sold their land to pay for new guns.
 - c) They felt they were losing their hunting grounds.
 - d) They were forced off their land by the US government.

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Chapter Twenty-Three – Twenty-Five

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

1. How did Matt pass the time once Attean left?
 - a) Matt swam in the pond, found honey, and trapped small game.
 - b) Matt prepared the cabin for winter, hunted small game, and gathered food.
 - c) Matt prepared food for his family, read the Bible, and mended clothing.
 - d) Matt fished, practiced lacrosse, and taught his dog new tricks.

2. What did Matt make for himself for the winter?
 - a) Matt made a new pair of moccasins.
 - b) Matt made a new pair of snowshoes.
 - c) Matt a new bow and some arrows.
 - d) Matt made a pair of mittens, a fur hat, and a pair of pants.

3. Matt could not resist giving his dog a large part of the hunt. He said he could not resist his dog's beseeching eyes. What does beseeching mean in this sentence?
 - a) Beseeching means snarky and rude.
 - b) Beseeching means sad and lonely.
 - c) Beseeching means big and brown.
 - d) Beseeching means imploring and begging.

4. Who came through the forest?
 - a) Matt's family
 - b) Attean and Saknis
 - c) Ben
 - d) The bear

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Chapter Twenty-Three – Twenty-Five

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

5. How did Matt's mother and sister act when they heard Matt had befriended an Indian?
 - a) They were excited and wanted to meet them.
 - b) They were scared and wanted to go back to Massachusetts.
 - c) They were sad that they had left and would not have them as neighbors.
 - d) They were shocked that Matt had met and visited Indians.

6. What item helped Matt not dread the oncoming winter?
 - a) His large store of food.
 - b) His warm winter coat.
 - c) His snowshoes.
 - d) His waterproof boots.

7. Why did the family take so long to arrive?
 - a) The family had changed their mind about moving out of Quincy.
 - b) The family had run out of travelling money.
 - c) The family got snowed in in Boston.
 - d) The family came down with typhus.

8. What happened to the baby?
 - a) The baby got sick and took over two weeks to be healthy enough to travel.
 - b) The baby passed away.
 - c) The baby was too weak to travel so the family left her with relatives.
 - d) The baby was not breathing, so Matt had to rescue her.

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Chapter Twenty-Three – Twenty-Five

Comprehension

Choose the best answer for the following questions. Some questions may have more than one answer.

9. What conflict did Matt have about having neighbors?
- a) Matt looked forward to having neighbors but did not want to go to school.
 - b) Matt did not want neighbors but knew his mother and sister did.
 - c) Matt looked forward to neighbors, but worried if Attean's tribe had found new hunting grounds.
 - d) Matt did not want neighbors and wished he would have gone with Attean's family.
10. How would Attean's friendship with Matt benefit Attean in the future?
- a) Attean would be able to use his knowledge of English to communicate with colonists moving to the area.
 - b) Attean would always be able to come back to Maine and visit Matt's family.
 - c) Attean would be able to get a job in Canada and earn enough money to support his family.
 - d) Attean would be able to attend school in his new village.