

Snow Treasure

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A Novel Study by:

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Understanding the Story

Chapters 1 - 5

Multiple Choice

1. What are the four children doing when they run into Peter's uncle Victor?

- (a) Sledding.
- (b) Telling ghost stories.
- (c) Making a snowman.
- (d) Playing cards.

2. In what country is the story taking place?

- (a) Germany.
- (b) Austria.
- (c) Norway.
- (d) United States.

Short Answer

3. Why does Helga's compliment mean so much to Lovisa?

Long Answer

4. What is unusual about the way the adults respond to the children after they see Uncle Victor in the fjords?

**A Little
Extra!**

The children are living in a harsh and cold climate, but they make the most of their environment by playing in the snow, sledding and having snow fights. Do you live in a harsh climate? How do you make the most of your environment?

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Chapters 6 - 10

Multiple Choice

1. What club does Uncle Victor form among the children?

- (a) Danger Club.
- (b) Winter Club.
- (c) Adventure Club.
- (d) Defense Club.

2. How much gold do the children plan to move?

- (a) 40 pounds.
- (b) 13 tons.
- (c) 13 pounds.
- (d) 40 tons.

Short Answer

3. Why does Uncle Victor make the children go to the fjords before they plan to move the gold?

Long Answer

4. Explain in detail how Uncle Victor plans to have the group of children move the gold bouillons onto his ship.

**A Little
Extra!**

In Chapter 6, Peter knows his father is not telling him everything about Uncle Victor's plan. Peter also knows his father is withholding information to protect him and keep him from worrying. Has anyone ever kept information from you? Did they have a good reason for doing so?

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Chapters 11 - 15

Multiple Choice

1. How many bricks of gold is each child supposed to carry on their sled?

- (a) 3.
- (b) 4.
- (c) 5.
- (d) 6.

2. Which child carries fewer bricks than the others?

- (a) Peter.
- (b) Helga.
- (c) Michael.
- (d) Lovisa.

Short Answer

3. What does the friendly German soldier tell the children near the fjords, and why does it make them laugh?

Long Answer

4. In Chapter 13, the Defense Club experiences a few problems with their original plan. Explain what goes wrong and what they do to solve the problem.

**A Little
Extra!**

Peter feels sad that he cannot answer the German soldier's question about their sledding trip. Explain why you think Peter feels this way and what you would have done in this situation.

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Chapters 16 - 20

Multiple Choice

1. Where do the townspeople gather to discuss the German's announcement about school?

- (a) The town hall.
- (b) The bakery.
- (c) The mall.
- (d) The mayor's office.

2. What does Herr Holm use to camouflage himself when he goes to visit Fru Lundstrom?

- (a) A hat and glasses.
- (b) A towel and scarf.
- (c) A sheet and towel.
- (d) Glasses and a scarf.

Short Answer

3. Why do Mrs. Lundstrom and Dr. Aker decide to create a fake epidemic?

Long Answer

4. What is strange about the townspeople's reaction to the German soldiers when they come into town?

**A Little
Extra!**

Do you think it was wrong of Dr. Aker to lie about the fake epidemic?
Explain your answer.

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Understanding the Story

Chapters 21 - 25

Multiple Choice

1. In Chapter 22, who finds Peter burying his gold?

- (a) Uncle Victor.
- (b) A German soldier.
- (c) Dr. Aker.
- (d) Helga.

2. Who are the German soldiers searching for in the town?

- (a) A runaway soldier.
- (b) A member of the Defense team.
- (c) A Norwegian spy.
- (d) Uncle Victor.

Short Answer

3. Why does Jan, the Polish soldier, decide to join the German army?

Long Answer

4. How is the German army's treatment of Poland different from their treatment of Norway? Why is there a difference?

**A Little
Extra!**

In Chapter 22, Peter is scared to see a German soldier standing over him. He later learns that the soldier is on his side and against the German army. Think of a time when you were scared of something only to find out later that you had little reason to be scared at all.

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Chapters 26 - 30

Multiple Choice

1. What is Jan Laseck offered if he rescues Peter?

- (a) 2 tons of gold bouillon.
- (b) A new passport.
- (c) A trip to America.
- (d) Norwegian citizenship.

2. Where do the Germans take Peter when he is captured?

- (a) The barracks.
- (b) The *Clong Peerson*.
- (c) Germany.
- (d) The town.

Short Answer

3. How does the Commandant respond when the children do not answer his questions about Jan?

Long Answer

4. Why does Lovisa tell Uncle Victor to take Peter with him to America?

**A Little
Extra!**

In Chapter 30, Peter is very excited to be going to America but sad to be leaving his friends and family behind. If you were Peter, explain how you would feel in this situation.
