

Writing Prompts

Chapter 1

In your own words describe the setting and character of the story.

Chapter 2

Matt's experience has been both positive and negative. Explain if you would you like or dislike living in Matt's situation and why.

Chapter 3

Describe Matt's feelings when he found out Ben had stolen the gun.

Chapter 4

Using examples from the book explain how Matt was careless and what was the consequence of his actions.

Chapter 5

Summarize what happens in this chapter.

Chapter 6

Describe the treaty Saknis makes with Matt.

Chapter 7

Describe Attean's first reading lesson.

Chapter 8

Attean made a comment that Indians didn't need to salvage anything from the ship, but that they had everything they needed on the island to survive. Describe how that made Matt feel and why.

Chapter 9

Explain why Attean was so upset in this chapter.

Chapter 10

Describe the boys' afternoon.

Chapter 11

Compare Matt and Attean to Robinson Crusoe and Friday and how they're alike.

Chapter 12

Describe how Matt and Attean worked together in this chapter.

Chapter 13

Matt learned many things about the forest and hunting from Attean. Describe what Attean learned from Matt in the time they spent together.

Chapter 14

Summarize what happens in this chapter.

Chapter 15

Attean and Matt kill a bear in this chapter. Describe what happened and how Matt's fast action saved them both.

Chapter 16

Describe in your own words Matt's adventure of going to Attean's tribe to feast on the bear they killed.

Chapter 17

Describe Matt and Attean's conversation as they traveled back to Matt's cabin from Attean's village.

Chapter 18

Describe how Attean's grandmother and sister helped Matt in this chapter.

Chapter 19

Using examples from the book, explain why Matt wasn't feeling alone in the forest anymore.

Chapter 20

Explain the process Attean will go through to find his manitou and what will happen if he gets it.

Chapter 21

Explain why Saknis invited Matt to go north with the tribe and why Matt couldn't go with them.

Chapter 22

This is a chapter of giving gifts. Describe the gifts Attean and Matt gave to each other and why they were important.

Chapter 23

Summarize this chapter.

Chapter 24

Explain why the snowshoes took away Matt's fear of the winter and helped him feel free.

Chapter 25

Using examples from the book explain the ways Matt has changed since his mother last saw him.