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## Maniac magee comprehension questions answer key

Maniac Magee is a book about an eleven-year-old homeless boy who loves to read, values education and doesn't understand why there are two distinct sections of the city: one for black people and one for white people. The book used the words black and white when referring to the race of each person and neighborhood in the book. Use this maniac magee unit test to check students' understanding after reading the book. Questions by Chapter The chapters of this book are short. Use these chapter questions with your student as each chapter is complete, or after the student finishes the entire book. Brief answers are provided, but the student may want to elaborate. If the student cannot respond, go back to the chapter and reread it to find the answer. Chapter Questions: An a. What Happened to Jeffrey's Parents ?? They died in an accident on a train easel. B. After eight years, Jeffrey ran away from his uncles' house. Because? The uncles didn't like each other and didn't talk or share anything. Two a. Jeffrey ran and kept running. Where did he end up and why? He stopped at Two Mills. People think it's because it was close to where he was born and also because he made a friend. What was Amanda Beale interested in Jeffrey? A suitcase full of books. What did Jeffrey do that stunned the boys who were playing football? He intercepted a pass, ran for a touchdown without being touched and kicked the ball back to the receiver-all while clinging to Amanda's book. What did Jeffrey do in the forbidden finsterwald yard? He rescued Arnold Jones who was thrown into the yard as a joke. Seven and eight a. Describe what happened to a frog at the baseball game. When Jeffrey hit each pitch, he angered McNab, so he threw a frog instead of a ball. Jeffrey managed to turn the frog into a race without hurting the frog. John McNab and his gang, the Cobras, chased him, but stopped on Hector Street, why? It was the dividing line between the black and white sections of the city. What was unusual about Maniac taking a bite out of the candy that was offered by Mars Bar Thompson? He was a white boy biting a chocolate bar where the black boy had bitten. Twelve to fifteen a. How did Mr. Beale know that Maniac didn't live in the house he claimed was his? They were on the dark side of town and Maniac was white. Twelve to fifteen a. How did Mr. Beale know that Maniac didn't live in the house he claimed was his? They were on the dark side of town and Maniac was white. What couldn't the Maniac understand? Because someone's skin color made any difference to anyone. Seventeen to twenty-one a. Why did Maniac finally leave his house in The Beales? He loved them enough not to get hurt by the cruel actions of others. Twenty-two through Twenty-5 a. Who is Grayson and how did he help Maniac? Maniac met Grayson at the zoo. Grayson took care of him, fed him and gave him a place to stay. 26 to 31. How did Grayson and Maniac spend their time in the months before Christmas? They worked together at the zoo. Maniac taught Grayson to read and Grayson taught Maniac about baseball. Thirty-two and thirty-three a. After Grayson died, what did Maniac do? He wandered through town for days in the cold. Thirty-four and 195. How did a maniac end up staying at the McNab house? He brought the McNab boys home when they were trying to escape. B. Describe the McNabhouse. Dirt, rodents and insects, dead bird, hole in the ceiling, smell of garbage, etc. Thirty-six a. List some of the deals Maniac made with the McNab boys to take them to school. (Pizza, map to Mexico, displays of athletic prowess to impress friends, etc.) Thirty-seven and thirty-eight a. What was the final challenge of the Young McNab? Maniac had to go to the east side (the dark side of the city). B. What happened to the Mars Bar? Mars wanted to run with Maniac and was embarrassed when Maniac beat him in front of everyone. Thirty-nine and forty a. What was going on at McNab? They built a fort inside their house with cement blocks to prepare for a time when blacks stood up against them. Maniac still stayed there at night with the desire to help the boys learn good things in the midst of all the evil going on. Forty-one and forty-two a. What happened at McNab's birthday party? Maniac was instructed to bring a guest and he brought Mars (a black guy). Forty-three and forty-four a. When the McNab boy had to be rescued, what happened? Maniac couldn't help because it was the same place where his parents died. Then Mars (black) saved a McNab (white). Forty-five and forty-six a. Who came to pick up the Maniac from the shelter at the zoo? Mars and Amanda. He was going to have a house again at Amanda's. Characters from the book Ask your student to describe each character and how they participated in the story. The book used the words black and white when referring to the race of each person and neighborhood in the book. Jeffrey Manic Magee - (white) orphan boy who traveled through the area of his birth. He didn't understand racial intolerance. Amanda Beale - (black) loved books, lived in a warm and loving family. James Hands Down - (white) football player who was impressed by Maniac's athletic talent. John McNab - (white) Qualified baseball pitcher from an intolerant family; had two little brothers. Mars Bar Thompson - (black) tough guy who ended up learning a lesson about Maniac's tolerance. Grayson - old (white) who took care of Maniac; Maniac the to read and Grayson taught him about baseball. With the Test the Magee unit, you will evaluate your students' book understanding and/or prepare for a more comprehensive report or exam. It could also open a dialogue on the sensitive issue of racism. 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th 11th

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