

Study Guide for Ghosts in the House

1. Why did Virginia think her house was haunted? _____

2. Why did Virginia ask, "Do ghosts eat?" _____
 - a. She was hungry
 - b. There was food missing.
 - c. She found empty jars in the attic.
3. Why was the Underground Railroad created? _____

4. What are fugitives? _____
 - a. plans to help another person
 - b. people who are running from the law
 - c. ghosts who lived in houses long ago
 - d. slaves who were living in the United States in the 1830s
5. How was life different when Virginia and Caleb lived compared to today?
 - a. There were no school buses.
 - b. Lighting at night was by candlelight.
 - c. Slaves were living in the United States.
 - d. all of the above
6. What is the main problem in this story?
 - a. Virginia wanted a new cornhusk doll.
 - b. Virginia was trying to help former slaves escape.
 - c. Virginia wanted to know why odd things were happening.
 - d. Virginia was trying to help her family find enough food for winter.
7. The story said that Virginia whispered **urgently** to her mother about the attic noises. What does **urgently** mean?
 - a. slowly and quietly
 - b. with great happiness
 - c. wanting a quick answer
 - d. with a feeling of happiness

8. Why did Virginia's father say her mother was singing a lullaby when Virginia ran into her parents' bedroom one night?
- He wanted Virginia to calm down and go back to bed.
 - He wanted to explain to Virginia why she heard singing.
 - He wanted to cover up the voice Virginia heard.
 - all of the above
9. Virginia noticed a shared glance between her parents. What does this tell someone reading the story?
- They were hiding something from Virginia.
 - They wanted Virginia to look at them.
 - It didn't have any special meaning.
10. Virginia left the cornhusk doll on the attic steps _____.
- hoping to see who owned it
 - so she could play with it later
 - to remind her mother to put it away
 - all of the above
11. Virginia was _____ to help out the former slaves.
- scared
 - worried
 - happy
 - unwilling
12. Why did Virginia's parents tell her not to go to the attic? _____
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13. The sound of a lullaby usually helps children feel _____.
- calm
 - angry
 - nervous
14. A haunted house is believed to have _____.
15. If you don't want anyone to ever annoy you, you'll have to be _____.

16. Feverishly means _____.
- a. calmly and carefully
 - b. with great speed and energy
 - c. with irritation
17. When you devise a plan for something, you _____.
- a. think of a solution
 - b. buy materials
 - c. hire people
18. A fugitive would most likely _____.
- a. move quickly from place to place
 - b. start a business
 - c. stay in one town
19. Scary movies sometimes have a _____ house.
20. He escaped from prison and became a _____.
21. Sometimes my cats _____ me when I'm trying to sleep.
22. My grandmother used to sing me a _____ every night.
23. It would be great if someone could _____ a workable plan for world peace.
24. The dog _____ ran from room to room as it chased the squirrel through the house.