

Section 1

Read > Chapters 1-14

Vocabulary

Use a dictionary to define the following words.

bilge

bludgeon

capricious

dolt

impulsive

motley

spire

Choose five of your vocabulary words and use each in a complete sentence that illustrates your understanding of the word's meaning.

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Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions using complete sentences. You may refer to both the book and your journal notes.

1. What is Sophie's dream?

2. According to her father, what are Sophie's three sides?

3. What does Sophie not like about the Ohio river?

4. Why does Sophie's mom take her to Connecticut?

5. Why does Sophie like the name of the boat?

6. How does Brian feel about the boat once it is in the water?

7. How long does Uncle Dock estimate the journey will take?

Comprehension Questions (continued)

8. What makes Cody want to slug Uncle Stew?

9. What does Sophie like best about killing fish?

10. How is *The Wanderer* different from the other boats at Vineyard Haven?

11. How does Cody feel when he sees Sophie and Uncle Dock juggling successfully?

Discussion Questions

Think about and discuss the following questions.

1. What similarities do Stew and Brian share?
2. How do the reactions of Uncle Stew and Uncle Dock differ when Sophie asks to work on the bilge? Their reactions are based on assumptions they have about Sophie. What do you think their assumptions are? What are some other common assumptions that people tend to make?
3. What is it about Cody that surprises Sophie? Have you ever made up your mind about a person only to find that they are actually much different than you thought they were? Give an example.
4. What do people find annoying about Cody? What do you do that annoys people? Do you think you should change or is it wrong for people to feel annoyed with you?
5. Think of some ways that Sophie might have learned Bompie's stories?
6. What adventure like Sophie's would you like to accomplish some day? How can you begin preparing now?
7. Describe the differences between the language and writing style of Sophie and Cody. How do their different styles relate to their personalities?
8. Why do you think Cody's father does not want him to teach juggling? How would you describe their relationship.
9. Read Carl Sandberg's poem, "Fog." How does this poem convey the mood of this chapter.