



Chapters One and Two

Part A

Put a check mark next to the answer that is most correct.

1. Matt's family had moved to their new home in Maine from:

- A New York
- B Massachusetts
- C Michigan
- D County Cavan, Ireland

2. Matt's father thought he would return to their homestead with Matt's mother and sister in how many weeks?

- A two or three
- B four or five
- C six or seven
- D eight or nine

3. What prized possession did Matt's dad surprisingly leave behind for Matt to use?

- A his rifle
- B his broadax
- C his new sword
- D his chain saw

4. Before August of that summer, how old would Matt be?

- A eleven
- B twelve
- C thirteen
- D fourteen

5. What was the endless task that Matt's dad had left him to finish up while he was gone?

- A cutting firewood
- B harvesting the grain for winter
- C trapping beaver down at the nearby river
- D chinking the spaces between the logs with clay



Chapters Three to Five

Part A

1. **Circle T** if the statement is **TRUE** or **F** if it is **FALSE**.

- T F** a) Matt told Ben that his father had just gone for supplies and would be back anytime.
- T F** b) Ben informed Matt that the local Indians were on the warpath and had recently burned several families out of their homes.
- T F** c) Matt knew that he wouldn't starve as long as he had a fish line.
- T F** d) To escape the swarm of bees, Matt raced back to his cabin and locked himself inside.
- T F** e) Matt was nursed back to health by an old man and his grand daughter.
- T F** f) Bee needles have poison.

2. **Number the events from 1 to 6 in the order they occurred in these chapters.**

- _____ a) Matt discovers that his father's rifle is missing.
- _____ b) Matt is severely stung when trying to get honey from a bee hive.
- _____ c) Matt spends the evening listening to Ben's tall tales.
- _____ d) A red-bearded stranger appears at Matt's cabin.
- _____ e) Matt's cabin is ransacked by a bear.
- _____ f) Matt is rescued from drowning.



Chapters Six to Eight

Part A

1. Fill in each blank with the correct word from the chapters.

- a) When Attean looked around Matt's cabin, he seemed to _____ every thing he saw.
- b) Saknis brought Matt a new pair of _____.
- c) In gratitude, Matt gave Saknis a _____.
- d) Saknis wanted Matt to teach Attean how to _____.
- e) Attean was very upset when he learned that Matt would be teaching him for the next _____.

2. Use a word from the list to answer each question.

disdainfully

clumsy

foolishly

boring

ashamed

- _____ a) How did Saknis think Matt had acted by climbing the bee tree?
- _____ b) How did Matt feel when he saw that Saknis was holding the book upside down?
- _____ c) How did Attean regard his lessons?
- _____ d) How did Matt feel when he used the crutch Saknis made for him?
- _____ e) How did Matt find the first page of the novel he was reading to Attean?



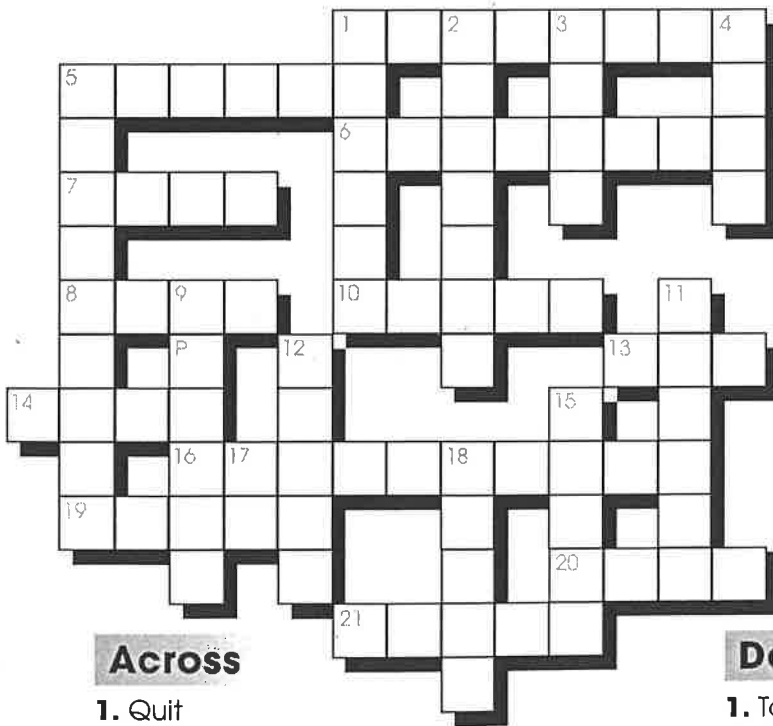
Chapters Nine and Ten

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

- Imagine that you were stranded in the wilderness without a weapon. Think of two or three ways you would get enough food to survive.

Vocabulary

Complete the following crossword puzzle with words in the Word Box



WORD BOX

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|------------|-------|
| DEVISE | MAPLE |
| DUMFOUND | SCORN |
| MATT | DISH |
| FISH | CARVE |
| RESENT | DECAL |
| RESIGNED | GILL |
| SAPLING | MA |
| SUPPLIES | ATE |
| SPLICE | RIFLE |
| TENSE | LEND |
| ATTEAN | PULL |
| IMPRESSIVE | |

Across

- Quit
- Come up with
- Provides
- Main character
- Water creatures
- Uptight
- Consumed food
- Opposite of push
- Awesome
- Decorative sticker
- To give temporarily
- To cut into a shape

Down

- To feel bitterness
- Small tree
- A part of a fish
- Used for serving food
- To surprise
- Join by interweaving
- Grandson of Sakins
- Type of tree
- A weapon
- Short for Mother
- Contempt or disdain



Chapters Nine and Ten

Part A

1. Complete the paragraph by filling in each blank with the correct word from the chapters.

Matt was puzzled by the _____^a Attean brought because he could find no bullet hole in it. Attean then showed Matt how to set a _____^b so that he might catch this animal without using a gun. When Matt was successful, the only approval he received from Attean was a _____^c and a _____^d. Attean continued to bring food for Matt every _____^e so Matt kept his part of the bargain, teaching the other boy how to _____^f. It turned out that Attean enjoyed it when Matt read from the story of _____^g. Attean thought it would be better to die than be a _____^h. Attean surprised Matt by asking him if he would like to go _____ⁱ. In order to do this, Attean made a _____^j. When Matt fell in the water, he noticed that Attean was _____^k at him. As a result, Matt decided to do it his own way – with a pole and _____^l. Unfortunately, a fish broke the line so Attean had to make him a new _____^m. Afterward Attean made a fire from a piece of hard _____ⁿ he drew from his _____^o-skin pouch.

2. Which answer best describes...

a) Attean?

- A friendly
 B sunny
 C resentful
 D naive

c) Attean's feelings about slavery?

- A didn't care
 B liked the idea
 C hated the idea
 D thought it was silly

b) Matt's response to Attean's attitude towards him?

- A resentment
 B cheerfulness
 C joked a lot
 D refused to teach him

d) Matt's attempt at spear-fishing?

- A unsuccessful
 B partially successful
 C successful
 D didn't even want to try



Chapter Eleven and Twelve

Part A

Put a check mark next to the answer that is most correct.

- Attean's dog fought:
 - A a porcupine
 - B a mountain lion (cougar)
 - C a black bear
 - D a lynx
- The beaver that Attean and Matt came across belonged to what people?
 - A the people of the fox
 - B the people of the moose
 - C the Ojibway people
 - D the people of the beaver
- Attean said that secret signs were made for what purpose?
 - A so the women of the village would not understand them
 - B to show the way back
 - C to warn off the Iroquois
 - D as a part of their religious beliefs
- In Chapter Twelve, Matt decided he needed to practice with:
 - A a throwing knife
 - B a fishing spear
 - C a lance
 - D a bow and arrow
- Attean told Matt that the best arrows were made from which tree?
 - A ash
 - B birch
 - C hemlock
 - D maple



Chapters Thirteen to Fifteen

Part A

1. Circle **T** if the statement is **TRUE** or **F** if it is **FALSE**.

- T F** a) The metal trap that caught the fox had been set by an Indian from another tribe.
- T F** b) Attean's people also had a story about a flood that destroyed the world.
- T F** c) The boys may have been killed by the bear if they had not had an early warning from Attean's dog.
- T F** d) The bear was upset because she thought that her cub was in danger.
- T F** e) Matt showed his courage in the confrontation with the bear by shooting it in the face with an arrow.
- T F** f) Attean paid tribute to Matt by saying that he moved fast, like an Indian.

2. Number the events from **1** to **6** in the order they occurred in the chapters.

- _____ a) The boys are confronted with the bear cub in the forest.
- _____ b) Attean tells Matt that he had moved fast, like an Indian.
- _____ c) An angry mother bear confronts the boys and appears ready to attack them.
- _____ d) Attean shows Matt many of the plants that are safe to eat in the forest and some that are dangerous to eat.
- _____ e) Matt reads Attean the Bible story of Noah and the flood.
- _____ f) Matt and Attean come upon a trapped fox.



Chapters Sixteen and Seventeen

Part A

1. Fill in each blank with the correct word from the chapters.

- a) Matt felt that he was _____ very shabbily when he arrived at Attean's village.
- b) Before recounting his adventures with the bear, _____ was given a ceremonial pipe to smoke.
- c) Because Attean was not taking part in eating the bear, Matt at first thought he had given him his _____.
- d) The next morning, Matt was surprised to find that Attean's _____ looked shabby and cluttered.
- e) The morning after the feast, Saknis had led the men of the village on a _____ hunt.
- f) Attean had not been allowed to go because he did not have a _____.

2. Use a word from the list to answer each question.

skins

feast

dance

king

stories

settlers

- _____ a) To what event was Matt invited?
- _____ b) What did Saknis remind Matt of when he first saw him at the ceremony?
- _____ c) What event did the villagers take part in before the feast?
- _____ d) After the feast was a time for _____, then more dancing.
- _____ e) Who was taking over Attean's peoples' hunting ground?
- _____ f) What were the white traders demanding more of, that the woods could no longer provide in such numbers?

NAME: _____

After You Read 



Chapters Eighteen and Nineteen

Part A

1. Complete the paragraphs by filling in each blank with the correct word from the chapters.

As summer sped by, the evenings grew chillier, and it seemed that the _____^a of the forest moved closer to the cabin. Day after day Matt tramped the _____^b alone. He was now careful to cut _____^c on the trees so he might not get lost. One day while in the woods he came across a _____^d caught in a trap. When he couldn't get the trap open, he ran to get _____^e, who turned out to be away on a _____^f. Instead, _____^g went with Matt to help him. When they reached the trap, they threw a _____^h over the trapped animal's head to keep it from _____ⁱ them.

In Attean's village, Matt was very interested in what the _____^j were working at. Matt then played a disc game with a group of boys and lost his _____^k. When he went home that evening, for the first time he did not feel _____^l in the forest.

2. Which answer best describes: (Note: One question has more than one correct answer.)

a) Marie?

- A harsh
- B sarcastic
- C polite
- D rough

b) Matt's response to the trapped animal?

- A neglectful
- B concern
- C humor
- D disconnected

c) Attean's feelings about his dog?

- A hatred
- B rough love
- C sympathy
- D scorn

d) Matt's dad's feelings about gambling?

- A for it
- B against it
- C no opinion
- D it's okay now and then



Chapters Twenty to Twenty-Two

Part A

Put a check mark next to the answer that is most correct.

- Attean informed Matt that he would be leaving for a long time:
 - to hunt deer
 - to find his manitou
 - to choose a wife from another village
 - to fish on the coast
- Why did Matt think Saknis might be angry with him?
 - for neglecting Attean's lessons
 - for insulting his people
 - for hunting on the land of the turtle people
 - for fishing in the water of the beaver people
- When Attean visited Matt in Chapter Twenty-one, what did he bring with him?
 - his sister
 - a new rifle
 - a buckskin outfit for Matt
 - a new bow and arrows for Matt
- What did Attean and Saknis want Matt to do?
 - trade them corn for moose meat
 - teach Attean's sister how to read
 - move with his parents to the coast
 - go north with them
- What gift did Saknis send to Matt?
 - a bow and arrows
 - a pair of snowshoes
 - an old musket
 - a basket of seeds for the garden

NAME: _____

After You Read 



Chapters Twenty-Three to Twenty-Five

Part A

1. Circle **T** if the statement is **TRUE** or **F** if it is **FALSE**.

T **F** a) Matt was able to save nothing from their garden for the coming winter.

T **F** b) Matt made a pair of leggings from the fisher that he caught in a trap and skinned.

T **F** c) He caught the fisher in a deadfall trap that Attean had shown him how to make earlier that summer.

T **F** d) Matt made a cradle for the baby and a cornhusk doll for his sister, Sarah.

T **F** e) Once the snow came, Matt found that the snowshoes Saknis gave him had "set him free".

T **F** f) Matt's family had been delayed by an epidemic of diphtheria.

2. Number the events from **1** to **6** in the order they occurred in these chapters.

- _____ a) It snows and Matt tries out his snowshoes for the first time.
- _____ b) Matt's family arrive at the cabin.
- _____ c) Matt discovers that more white settlers will soon be moving into their area.
- _____ d) Matt makes himself a new pair of breeches.
- _____ e) Matt makes a cradle and cornhusk doll.
- _____ f) Matt traps a fisher.

NAME: _____



Comprehension Quiz

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. Why had Matt's father returned to Massachusetts and left Matt alone in the wilderness?

2. What was it that the trapper, Ben, stole from Matt?

3. Describe what happened to Matt that caused him to be rescued by Saknis and Attean?

4. Why did Saknis want Matt to teach Attean how to read?

5. What novel did Matt use to help teach Attean how to read?

6. Who in his village did Attean consider responsible for doing the gardening and preparing animals for skinning and eating?

7. Why didn't Attean want to free the fox that he and Matt found caught in the steel trap?

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Comprehension Quiz

8. What instrument did Attean help Matt make?



9. Why was the bear so aggressive when Attean and Matt met it in the woods?



10. Who was it that went with Matt to free Attean's dog when it was caught in the steel trap?



11. What was it that Matt lost when he was playing the disc game with the boys from Attean's village?



12. What important quest did Attean venture out on toward the end of the novel?



13. What two gifts did Matt receive at the end of the novel from Attean and his grandfather?



14. Why were Matt's parents delayed in returning to the cabin in the wilderness from Massachusetts?



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