

Lyddie by Katherine Paterson

Guiding Questions

Chapter 1 Questions

1. When Lyddie's mother decides to go to her sister's farm, what do Lyddie and Charlie do?
2. What does this show about Lyddie's relationship with her mother and with her brother?

Chapter 2 Questions

1. What happened to Lyddie and Charlie's father?
2. Name two ways the Stevens family helps them.

Chapter 3 Questions

1. What do Triphena and Mistress Cutler think of Lyddie when she arrives?
2. What are the working conditions like in the tavern?

Chapter 4 Questions

1. Describe Lyddie's relationship with Triphena.
2. When Charlie comes to visit, how does Lyddie react?

Chapter 5 Questions

1. What events make it possible for Lyddie to visit the cabin?
2. What does she plan to do there?

Chapter 6 Questions

1. Who is Ezekial, and what is he doing in Lyddie's cabin?
2. How does the mistress of the tavern respond to Lyddie when she returns?

Chapter 7 Questions

1. What does Lyddie think of the other passengers in the stagecoach? Why?
2. How does Lyddie help the stagecoach driver? How does he help her?

Chapter 8 Questions

1. What does Amelia want Lyddie to do on the Sabbath? Why?
2. How does Lyddie feel about this?
3. How does Mrs. Bedlow help Lyddie?

Chapter 9 Questions

1. List three things that Lyddie notices on her first day in the weaving room about the work and the working conditions.
2. Why do Lyddie's roommates tell her she should not go and see Diana?

Chapter 10 Questions

1. How does Lyddie's first full day in the weaving room affect her?
2. What does Betsy do for Lyddie?

Chapter 11 Questions

1. How is life different for Lyddie in the summer? Explain.
2. What does Lyddie buy? Why?

Chapter 12 Questions

1. How does the letter from Lyddie's mother affect her?
2. What are Betsy and Amelia arguing about?

Chapter 13 Questions

1. What is Lyddie's decision about signing the petition?
2. How does the speed-up affect Lyddie? How does it affect the other girls?

Chapter 14 Questions

1. What does Betsy decide to do? Why?
2. How does Lyddie feel about training Brigid? How do her actions show this?

Chapter 15 Questions

1. Who does Uncle Judah bring to Lyddie? Why?
2. What about the boardinghouse rules make it hard for Lyddie to have this person with her?

Chapter 16 Questions

1. What does Lyddie do for Rachel?
2. What is Mr. Mardsen doing when Lyddie does something to him? What can you infer?

Chapter 17 Questions

1. How does Lyddie arrange for Rachel to stay?
2. What is her worry about Rachel?

Chapter 18 Questions

1. As Lyddie helps Rachel get ready to go on the train she “brushed away a cobweb of envy” (145). Why does she feel envious in this chapter?
2. What does she do with this feeling?

Chapter 19 Questions

1. What happens when Lyddie makes her decision regarding the petition?
2. What is her reaction?

Chapter 20 Questions

1. Lyddie and Brigid are becoming close friends. What are some ways that they help one another?
2. How does this affect Lyddie?

Chapter 21 Questions

1. Something major happens to Lyddie. What happened?
2. According to the agent and the overseer?

Chapter 22 Questions

1. How does Lyddie respond to the major event that happened?
2. What does she do to protect Brigid?

Chapter 23 Questions

1. What places does Lyddie return to?
2. What does Lyddie decide to do with her life?