

Tuck Everlasting A Novel Study



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Tuck Everlasting Prologue

Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

A prologue is an introduction to a story. It will often give background knowledge to the reader. Sometimes it is used to introduce the characters, and other times it is used to intrigue the reader to want to read more.

What do you think the purpose of this prologue is?

In the last paragraph, what did the author say was at the hub of the wheel?

What were the three things that happened on that August day?

The author mentioned the wood. Draw a picture of what a "wood" is.



In the last paragraph, the author describes in great detail the hub of two wheels as "fixed points that are best left undisturbed, for without them nothing holds together." What do you think the wheel might symbolize?

What do you think the hub symbolizes?

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Chapter One

Vocabulary

Rewrite the following sentences replacing the underlined vocabulary words with synonyms to show your understanding.

Tranquil

Calm, restful, and peaceful

Weary

Exhausted, worn out

Oppressive

Unbearable and uncomfortable

Immense

Huge, large

Forlorn

Sad and lonely

Infinite

Endless, limitless

Bovine

A member of the cattle family, such as cow, buffalo, or bison

Axis

An imaginary line

Ragged

Tattered, rough and unkempt

Trembled

To shake, quiver, wobble

Contemplation

Deep thought, reflecting on something

Meager

Small amount

"And that would have been a disaster so immense that this weary old earth, owned or not to its fiery core, would have trembled on its axis like a beetle on a pin."

"And all at once the sun was uncomfortably hot, the dust oppressive, and the meager grass along its edges somewhat ragged and forlorn."

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Chapter One

Vocabulary

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"It [the path] widened and seemed to pause, suggesting tranquil bovine picnics, slow chewing and thoughtful contemplation of the infinite."

Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

The author described the Foster's cottage as "touch-me-not".
What do you think that means?

Why was Winnie never curious about the wood?

The author writes that the cows were very wise, "...wiser than even they knew. They actually saved the world." Yet many think of cows as unintelligent, simple creatures. How were the cows wise?

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Chapter One

Figurative Language

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

The author uses personification throughout this novel. Personification gives human characteristics to objects to help the reader visualize the text.



Find three examples of personification in this chapter and write them here.

Choose a common object (chair, book, etc.) and write a paragraph describing it using at least three examples of personification.



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Chapter Two

Vocabulary

Using context clues, write the definition of the underlined words.

Lindsay was feeling melancholy because her family dog had died.

Sofie had a rueful look when she realized she had been caught cheating on the test.

Auntie Edna pinned a brooch to her blouse to dress it up for her meeting.

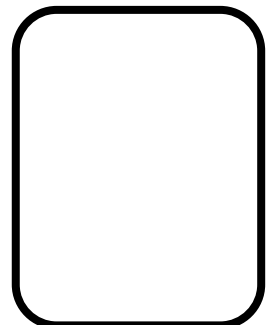
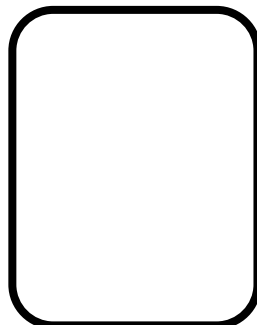
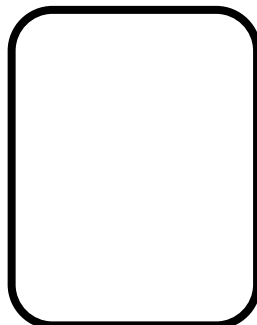
Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Tuck did not often smile. What made him smile in this chapter?

What special item did Mae Tuck take with her on the way to visit her sons? Why did she take it with her?

The author describes Mae Tuck's clothing in detail. Choose three objects and draw them in detail here.



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Chapter Three

Vocabulary

Color the word and its definition the same color.

A facial expression that is one of displeasure	To lift with force, often with loud grunts	grimace
heave	Irritated and frustrated	exasperated

Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

To whom did Winnie tell her troubles?

Winnie thought she might like to keep a pet, then she changed her mind. What did she realize?

What were some of the things Winnie wanted to do in this chapter?

Winnie told the toad that she was going to run away in the morning. Do you think Winnie will follow through with this? Why or why not?

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Chapter Four

Vocabulary

Read the definition of the following words. Then give an example of the word.

A marionette is a puppet on a series of strings. For example:

A person who is self-deprecating puts themselves down or lowers their self-worth in front of others. For example:

To be apologetic means to apologize or be sorry for something you may have done wrong. For example:

A remnant is a small scrap of something left over. For example:

Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

The man in the yellow suit, Grandmother, and Winnie heard a sound float through the air.

What did Grandmother say it was?

What did Winnie say it was?

Why were black ribbons hung on the door of the cottage?

At the end of the chapter, the man in the yellow suit had "an expression of intense satisfaction on his face." Why do you think he felt that way?

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Chapter Four

Characters

Using evidence from text, describe the following characters.

Winnie is _____ I know this because _____

Winnie is _____ I know this because _____

Winnie is _____ I know this because _____



Grandmother is _____ I know this because _____

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Grandmother is _____ I know this because _____



The man in the yellow suit is _____ I know this because _____

The man in the yellow suit is _____ I know this because _____

The man in the yellow suit is _____ I know this because _____

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Chapter Five

Vocabulary

Read the definition of the following words. Use the words in a sentence that shows you understands the meaning of the word.

Calling – having the nerve to act in a certain way.

Consoling – to soothe someone

Irrelevantly –doing something in a way that is not relevant

Plaintively – doing something in a way that expresses sadness



Visualizing

Reread the author's description of the wood and the clearing (page 24-25). Then draw a visualization.

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Chapter Five

Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

In the beginning of the chapter, Winnie decides not to run away as she had planned. Why did she change her mind?

What was Winnie's view of the world?

Do you share that view, or do you have another view? Give details to support your thoughts.

Winnie began to feel like a coward. How did she reconcile this feeling?



Who did Winnie meet in the wood? What was her reaction to him?

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Chapter Five

Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Infer why Jesse did not want Winnie to drink from the spring.



Who else came on the scene at the end of the chapter?

How did Jesse stop Winnie from drinking from the spring?

How did the author use a hook at the end of the chapter?

What did Mae mean by those words?



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Chapter Six

Vocabulary and Figurative Language

Read the sentences from the chapter. Draw a picture of the scene the author is creating.

"She had pictured a troupe of burly men with long black moustaches who would tumble her into a blanket and bear her off like a sack of potatoes."



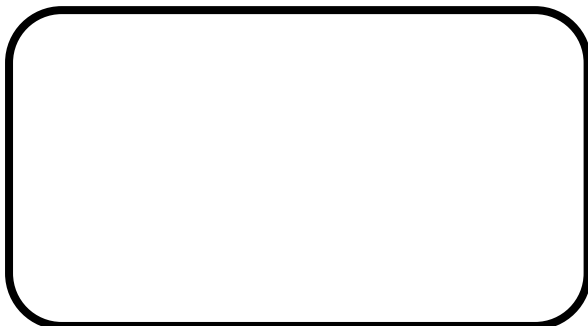
"Instead of crying out for help (when she saw the man in the yellow suit), she merely goggled at him as they fled past the spot where he stood."



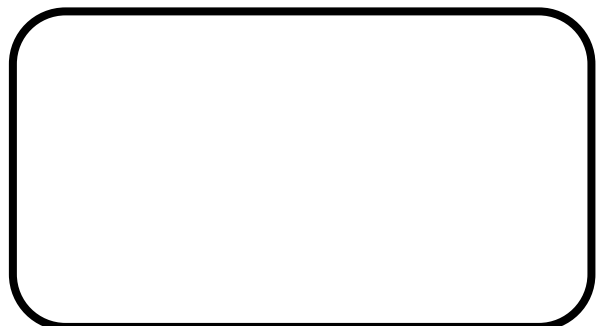
Comprehension

Contrast the way Winnie envisioned her being kidnapped with the reality of being kidnapped by the Tuck family.

Winnie's Imagination



Tuck's Reality



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Chapter Six

Comprehension

Put the events from the chapter into the correct order.

Jesse begins to try to explain things to Winnie.

Winnie begins to cry.

Winnie is pulled up onto the Tucks' horse.

Winnie hears the music box and is calmed.

Winnie spots the man in the yellow suit.



Comprehension

Answer the following in complete sentences.

Who did Winnie see on the side of the road?

What calmed Winnie?

What would Winnie tell her grandmother when she returned?

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Chapter Seven

Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Each of the Tuck's experienced clues that led them to believe they were different from other people.. What were they?

Mae

Tuck

Miles

Jesse

Horse

What clue did the tree hold about the spring?

What did friends and family begin to think about the Tucks?



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Chapter Seven

Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

How did the Tucks have to live now?

What happens if you drink from the spring?

What final clue led them believe the spring was the source of the "magic"?



The Tucks decided that it would be "very bad if everyone knew about the spring.
They had begun to see what it would mean."

Predict what you think might happen if the Tucks told people about the powers of the spring?

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Chapter Eight



Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Infer how Jesse felt after finally telling Winnie their story. What is your evidence?

Why did Mae and the boys feel they needed to keep Winnie overnight?

How did Winnie view the Tucks?

How did the Tuck family make Winnie feel?

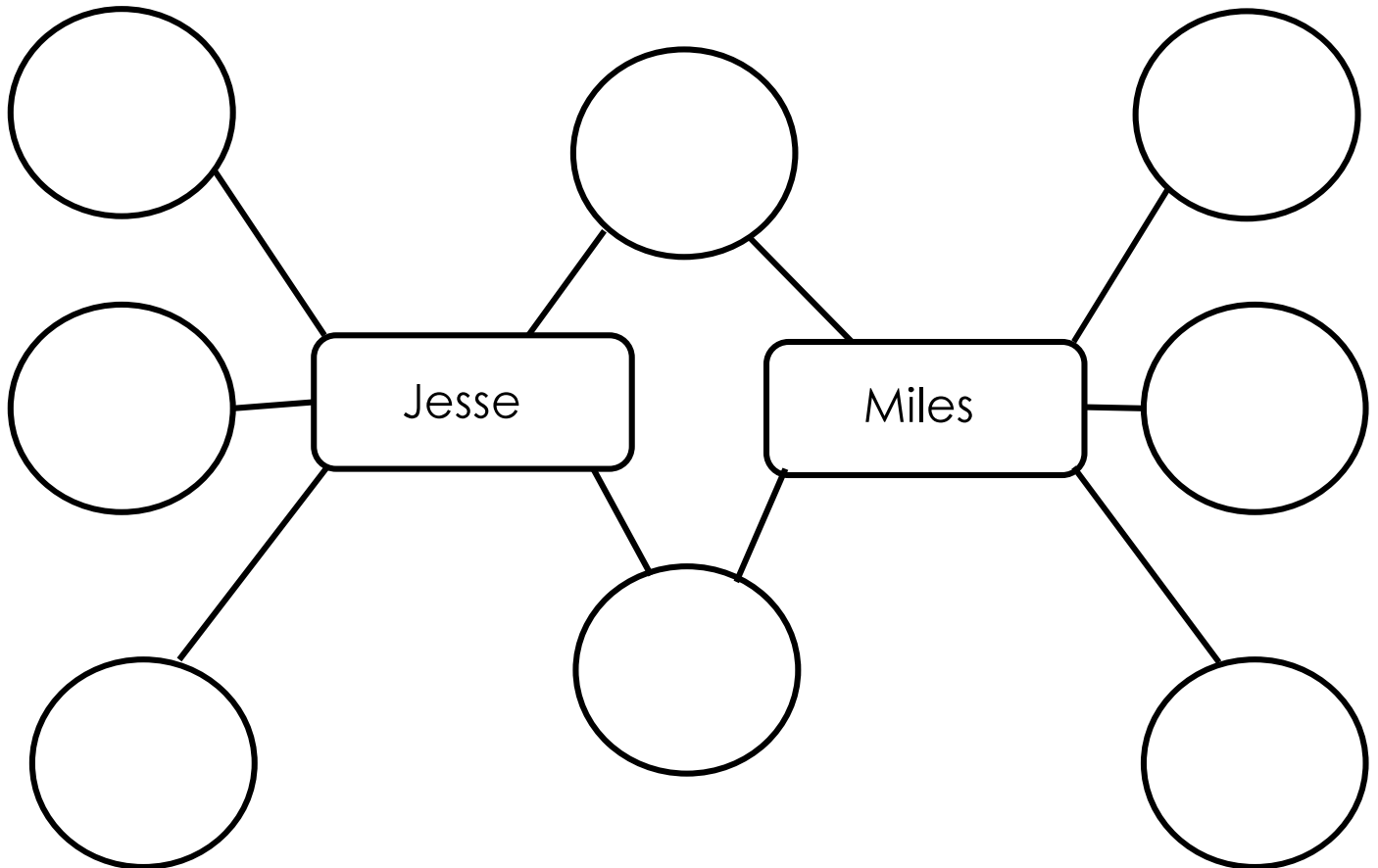
Why do you think it was so important to keep the spring's power a secret?

The author wrote, "Winnie had closed the gate on her oldest fears, just as she closed the gate on her own fenced yard." What is the author saying in this quote?

Who had secretly followed them? Predict why this may pose a problem.

Tuck Everlasting Chapter Eight

Characters
Compare and contrast Jesse and Miles



Jesse told Miles that he sounded like a "parson". A parson is a member of the clergy, usually someone in charge of a protestant church. Why would Jesse describe Miles that way?

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Chapter Nine

Figurative Language

In *Tuck Everlasting*, the author uses similes and metaphors to describe scenes and characters.

Read the quotes below. Then, decide if each is a simile or a metaphor. Finally, tell the meaning in your own words.

Simile

A simile compares two things using either "like" or "as"

Life is like a box of chocolates.
She runs as fast as a cheetah.

Metaphor

A metaphor directly states the comparison.

You are on fire!
His life was an open book.

"But everything was dry as a biscuit."

"Everything is a wheel, turning and turning and never stopping."

"The sun was dropping, a soft, red, sliding egg yolk."

"Winnie felt like an unexpected present."

"It was as if they had stopped under a giant colander."

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"Three armchairs and an elderly rocker stood about aimlessly, like strangers at a party ignoring each other."

"But at the same time, he had grace, like a well-handled marionette."

"This weary old Earth would have trembled on its axis like a beetle on a pin."

Write a simile and a metaphor that would help to describe you.



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Chapter Ten

Vocabulary

Read the sentences, then write a synonym for the underlined word.

The children began to run helter-skelter around the house.

The stream became very deep near the eddies.

The judge was pitiless when he sentenced the criminal.

Finn stored his antique car in a cavernous garage.

In the spring, the butterflies will begin emerging from their cocoons.

The soldiers participated in an all-out assault on the enemy.

Kelly's Cute Cupcakes wanted to make sure they were in complete submission to the health laws.

Doctor Corvallis had an indomitable spirit that he took with him while practicing medicine in the war zone.



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Chapter Ten

Vocabulary

Read the sentences, then write a synonym for the underlined word.

Climbing Mount Everest is a perilous journey.

With his clothes on the floor and his bed unmade, my son's room is always in complete disarray.

Edinburgh Castle is a fortress.



Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

How did the Tucks live so that they did not get noticed?

Why did Winnie find the way the Tucks had to live sad?

Mae Tuck said, "Life's got to be lived, no matter how long or short. You got to take what comes. We just go along, like everybody else, one day at a time."

What does this quote tell you about Mae Tuck?

Mae Tuck described her family as "plain as salt". Infer what she means.

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Chapter Eleven



Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

What did Winnie realize while eating?

Tuck seemed worried. What was he worried about?

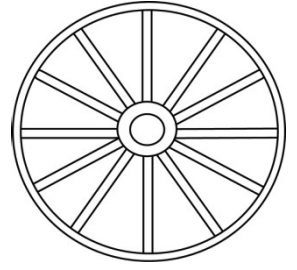
Infer why Winnie felt a surge or relief when she thought of the man in the yellow suit.

Tuck said, "You can find answers at the pond." What do you think he meant by that quote?

Tuck felt the pond had answers, where do you go when you need a quiet place to think? Draw a picture of it.

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Chapter Twelve



Comprehension
Answer the following questions in
complete sentences.

Angus Tuck used two metaphors to help explain life: a wheel and a pond.

How is a wheel a metaphor for life?

How is a pond a metaphor for life?

Think of your own metaphor for life and explain it.

Tuck was worried that if people knew about the spring's powers, people would come running to drink from it. Would you? Why or why not?

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Chapter Thirteen

Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Who stole the Tuck's horse and what did he use it for?

What news did the man in the yellow suit have for the Fosters?

Although it was very late, the lights were on at the Foster's cottage. Infer what was happening inside.

You are almost halfway through the novel and have yet to find out what the man in the yellow suit's name is. Why do you suppose the author has not told the reader his name?



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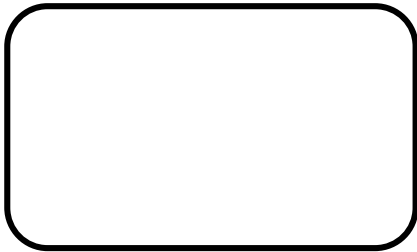
Chapter Fourteen

Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Winnie had three visitors that night: Mae, Tuck, and Jesse. What did each one want to tell her?

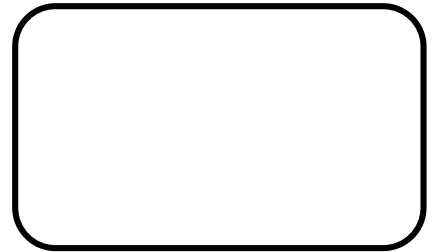
Mae



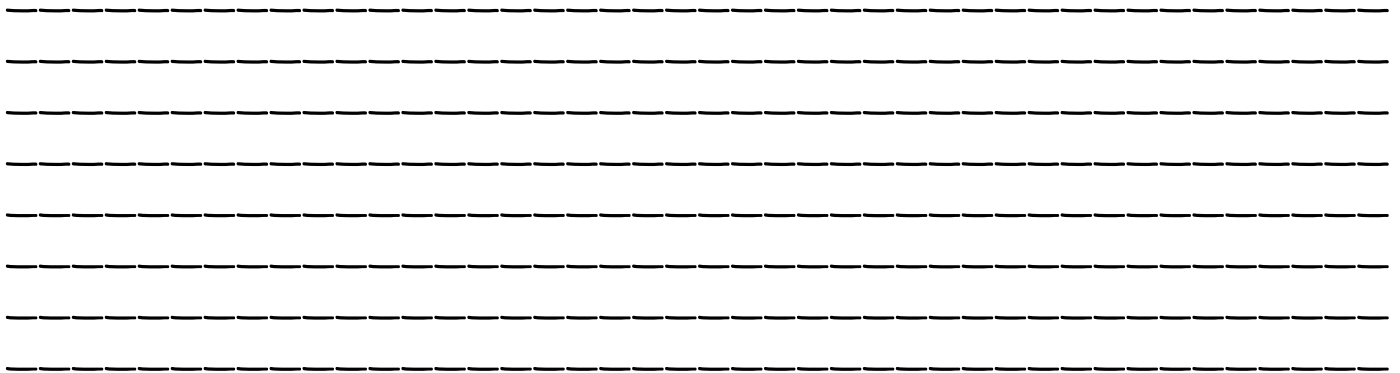
Tuck



Jesse



In your opinion, did Jesse have Winnie's best interest in mind with his suggestion?
Why or why not?



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Chapter Fifteen



Vocabulary

Draw a line to the correct definition of each word.

illiterate	a man or woman who lives roughly or wildly
constable	a person who cannot read or write
barbarian	a police officer



Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Who is the man in the yellow suit talking to in this chapter?

What deal does he want to make with the Fosters?

What information does the man in the yellow suit have about the woods that the Fosters do not have?

Infer why the man in the yellow suit would want the Foster's woods.

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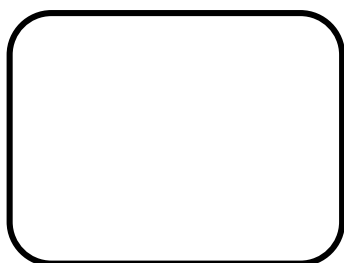
Chapter Sixteen

Vocabulary

Read the definition of each word, then sketch a picture that helps you understand the word.

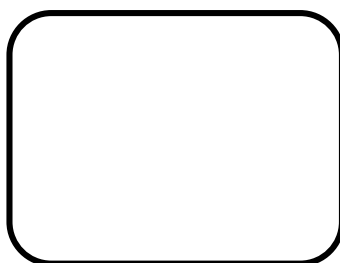
cahoots

to have a secret partnership with someone



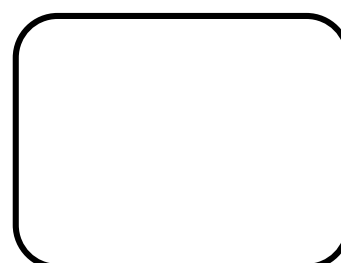
rouse

to wake someone up, usually not in a gentle way



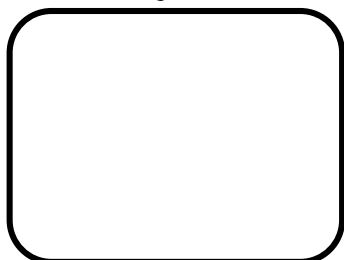
gallows

a wooden structure used in the past to hang people



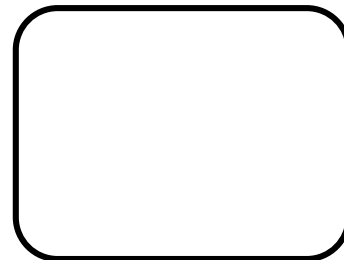
canter

to gallop



flank

the hip of a horse



Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

What was the man in the yellow suit's excuse for not reporting the kidnapping sooner?

What surprised the constable?

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Chapter Seventeen

Vocabulary

Use the clues below to help you find the vocabulary words.



R B N T N X F T A P
O P A L K R T C S B
L U T Z Y G R R K U
R D L S A I A U W E
A O V I E R I M E L
P G E X W F L P F I
P S T E R N U L J R
E X R C T Q C E R E
Y N O M E N E D V P
J U D E W Y P I A H

This word means wrinkled, like Winnie's dress looked when she woke up.

When something is wet with dew.

The front room of a house. What the living room was called in the past.

The back of the boat. It can also mean a serious, almost mad feeling.

This word means strange or odd.

This word means danger.

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Chapter Seventeen

Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

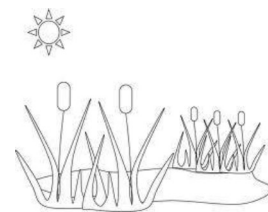
Why didn't Miles give his children any water from the spring?

Infer why Miles has not done something important yet in his life.

How old were Miles's children now?

What difficult subject was Winnie struggling with while she was in the boat with Miles?

What did Miles want to do in life?

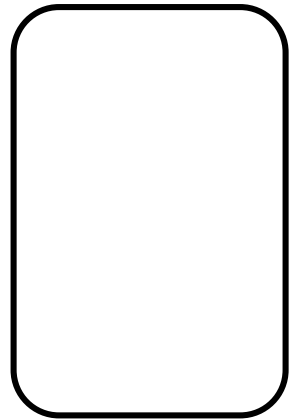
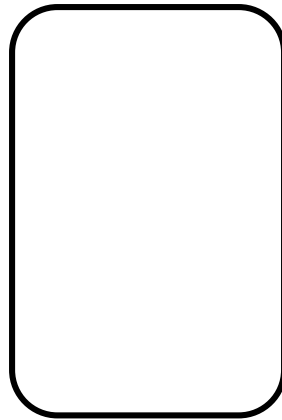
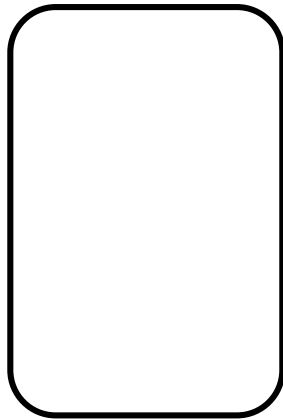
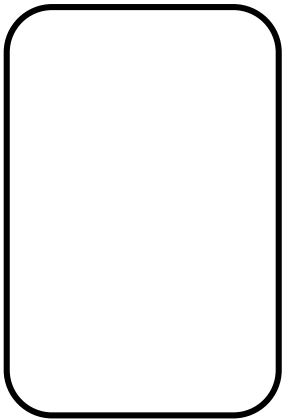


Write a paragraph to answer the question:
What important thing do you want to accomplish in your life?
What steps will you take to get there?

Tuck Everlasting Chapter Eighteen

Comprehension
Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

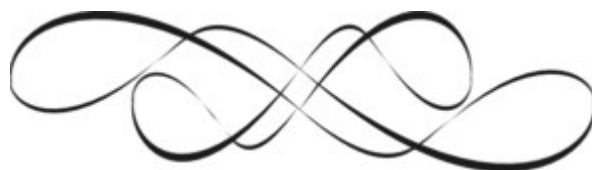
What were some problems the Tucks had in this chapter? Try to find at least four.



Why didn't the Tucks ever have visitors?

Using evidence from text, how did Winnie feel about Jesse?

Who was at the door?



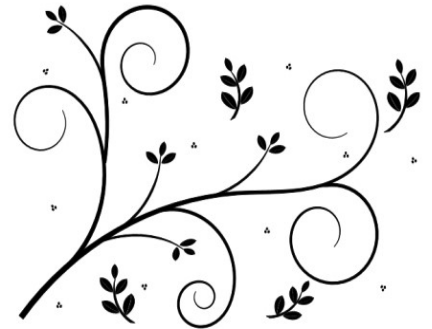
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Chapter Nineteen

Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

What sparked the man in the yellow suit's interest in the Tucks?



What clue helped the man in the yellow suit tie his grandmother's stories to the Tucks?

What was the man in the yellow suit's plan for the water?

How would he show people that the water was magical?

What made Mae decide to take action?

How did Mae stop the man in the yellow suit?

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Chapter Twenty

Vocabulary

Use the prefix, suffix, and base word to determine the meaning of the following words.

un – a prefix meaning the opposite of the base word; Unhappy means not happy.

ly – a suffix that changes a description of a noun (adjective) into a description of an action (adverb); Quick becomes quickly.

ed – a suffix added to show past tense; Play today, played yesterday

fully – a suffix that means “full of” and changes an adjective to an adverb; Hopeful becomes hopefully.

ward – a suffix that means moving toward; Going toward home can be homeward.

flinch – to move quickly, usually a reaction to something

wheeze – to breathe heavily

heaven – the sky; a place where many religions believe a higher power exists

unflinchingly

heavenward

resentfully

wheezed



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Chapter Twenty

Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

What did Winnie tell the constable when he accused the Tucks of kidnapping?

As the man in the yellow suit lay on the ground, Tuck looked at him as if he were entranced, almost envious. What does it mean to be envious?

Why do you think Tuck would be envious of the man in the yellow suit at that moment?

What are "the gallows"?

Why was it so important that Mae not go to the gallows?

The constable arrested Mae for hurting the man in the yellow suit. Yet, she was protecting her family. In your opinion, should Mae have been arrested? Why or why not?



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Chapter Twenty-One

Comprehension
Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Who did Winnie's grandmother think took her away?

How had Winnie changed?

What happened to the man in the yellow suit?



A dilemma is a choice between two undesirable outcomes. Winnie realized the dilemma the man in the yellow suit created.

What is the problem if the man in the yellow suit lives?

What is the problem if the man in the yellow suit dies?

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Chapter Twenty-Two

Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Winnie's grandmother told Winnie that toads do not drink water. How did she explain how toads take in water?

Who came to the fence?

What did Jesse give Winnie? Why?

How did Winnie offer to help the Tucks?

What was Winnie finally going to do?



In your opinion, do you think what Winnie has planned to do is right? Why or why not?

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Chapter Twenty-Three

Vocabulary

After reading the definitions, write the type of sentence listed. Make sure that the sentence shows you know the meaning of the word.

plaintive – sad and mournful

reluctantly – unwillingly or hesitantly

poised – ready to move

lapse – a temporary failure of concentration or of judgment

gentility – manners that show you are from a higher social class than most people



dialogue

interrogative

exclamatory

declarative

imperative

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Chapter Twenty-Three

Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

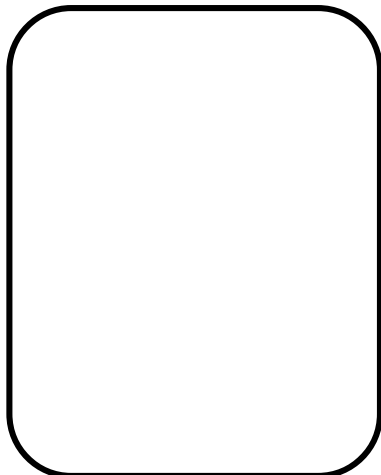
To rationalize a behavior is to explain or justify it with logical reasons, even if the reasons are not true or even appropriate.

How did Winnie rationalize her going to the jailhouse that night?

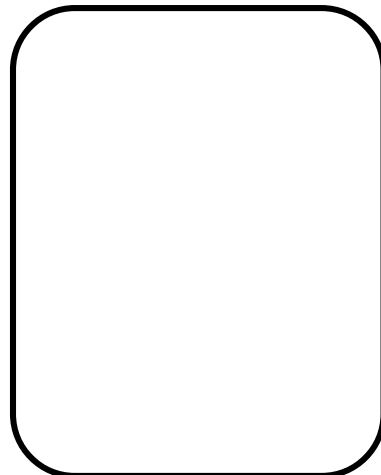
Winnie was feeling many things during her wait. Generate a list of her different feelings in this chapter.

In the back of her mind, Winnie was also thinking about the water from the spring. What would be the benefits of drinking the water? What would be the drawbacks?

Benefits



Drawbacks



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Chapter Twenty-Three

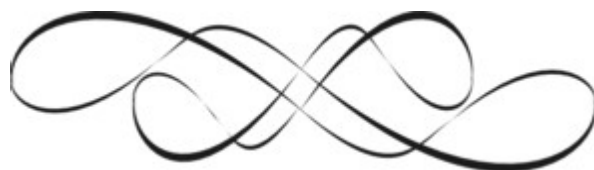
Connections

Connect to the text by writing a paragraph to answer the following prompts.

Tell about a time you rationalized a behavior you know you probably should not have done.



In your opinion, should Winnie drink the water? Why or why not?



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Chapter Twenty-Four

Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

As Winnie left the house, she felt guilty. Why did she feel guilty?

How did the oncoming storm help in Mae Tuck's escape?

As they left, Jesse whispered, "Remember."
What did he mean by that?



Thinking about what you know about Tuck, do you think Tuck knows Jesse gave Winnie the water? Why or why not?

What was the purpose of Winnie taking Mae's place in the jail cell?

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Chapter Twenty-Five



Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Why was Winnie let go, rather than put in jail for what she did?

How did Winnie explain her actions to her parents? How did they react?

Using evidence from text, how did the people of the village react to the incident?

What was the benefit to Winnie?

Why do you think Winnie poured the water on the toad?



Put the following events in the story in the correct order.

_____ Winnie tried not to cough.

_____ Winnie was released to her parents.

_____ The constable came into the cell to let down the shutter.

_____ The constable brought breakfast to the cell and found Winnie instead of Mae.

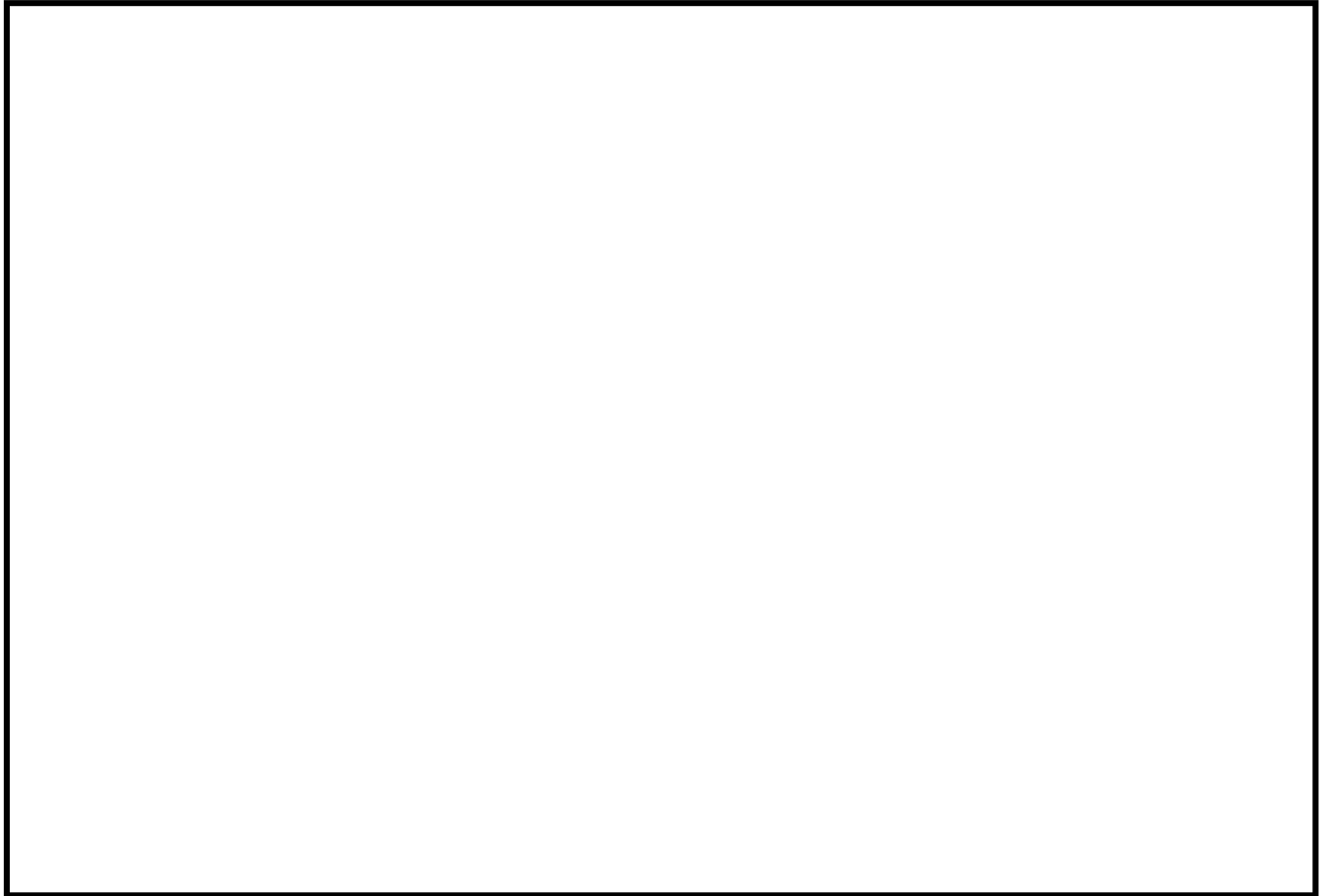
Tuck Everlasting

Chapter Twenty - Five

Figurative Language

The author wrote, "There was a feeling that the year has begun a downward arc."

Draw a visualization of this metaphor.



Explain your thoughts.



Tuck Everlasting Epilogue



Comprehension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Mae and Tuck have come back to Treegap. Generate a list of changes.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

What happened to Winnie?

Irony is a literary technique that authors use when they make something clear to the reader, but unknown to the character.

What was ironic at the end of the chapter?

The toad played a very big role in this novel. What did the toad do in the beginning, middle, and end of the novel?

Beginning

Middle/End

End

