

The Last Battle

A Reading Comprehension Guide

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Suggestions for use

This booklet contains a comprehension sheet for each chapter, answer keys, a vocabulary list, various worksheets reviewing parts of speech, a creative writing assignment, crossword and juggle puzzles, and a final test.

Before reading a chapter, it is encouraged that the student look up the definitions for the vocabulary words corresponding to that chapter. If it is difficult to find the definition in the dictionary, the student may find the meaning in the context of his reading.

In order for the students to know what is expected of them, some instruction will be needed before beginning the comprehension questions. The following six-point grading scale is used.

1. One point is awarded when the student begins his answer with a capital letter.
2. One point is awarded when the student ends his answer with an end mark.
3. One point is awarded when the student restates the question in the answer. For example, if the question reads, "Who is the author of the book?", the answer should be, "The author of the book is C. S. Lewis."
4. A correct answer is worth anywhere from one to three points. This allows the teacher to give partial credit for an answer that is not completely correct.

In order to make this booklet more useful to a wider group of abilities, a section entitled "**A Bit More...**" has been added to the basic comprehension questions. These questions should be used by students at a higher grammar level or as discussion questions for lower grammar level students.

The answer keys at the end of this booklet contain the main element that needs to be present in order to answer the question correctly.

Understanding vocabulary is vital to comprehending what is being read. The following four step exercise gives meaning to the unfamiliar vocabulary.

- Step 1: Find the word in the chapter and write it out in context. This may be done by writing the complete sentence where the word is found or, if the sentence is too lengthy, by writing a few of the words on either side of the vocabulary word.
- Step 2: Guess the meaning from the context and write it down.
- Step 3: Look the word up in the dictionary and write the definition.
- Step 4: Use the word in a sentence.

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Introduction

Fill out the following information about this book:

TITLE: _____

AUTHOR: _____

ILLUSTRATOR: _____

PUBLISHER: _____

This book is an example of: FICTION NON-FICTION POETRY (circle one)

For the following chapters, list the title and the page number where you would find the chapter.

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Page</u>
3	_____	_____
8	_____	_____
11	_____	_____
15	_____	_____

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Chapter 1 – By Caldron Pool

1. What are the names of the two characters that we meet in this chapter? What are they? _____

2. What do they find in Caldron Pool? _____

3. What does Puzzle want to do with it? What does Shift want to do with it? _____

4. Shift says that Puzzle, with his new coat, looks like whom? _____

A Bit More...

5. What are your first impressions of Shift and Puzzle. Give some examples from the chapter.

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Answer Key

Chapter 1

1. The names of the two characters are Shift and Puzzle. Shift is an ape and Puzzle is a donkey.
2. They find a lionskin in Caldron Pool.
3. Puzzle wants to give the lionskin a decent burial. Shift wants to use it to make a coat for Puzzle.
4. Shift says that Puzzle, with his new coat, looks like Aslan the Great Lion.
5. Shift seems very lazy and selfish. He is always sending Puzzle to do things for him, like going into the cold pool to fetch the lionskin. Puzzle seems to be kinder and tries to think of Shift first. Although he says that he is not clever, he seems smarter in some respects, as when he thought that Aslan may not like the fact that he is dressed up to look like him.

Chapter 2

1. King Tirian is happy because he has heard that Aslan is in Narnia.
2. Roonwit tells the King that the stars do not tell that Aslan is coming, but that something evil hangs over Narnia.
3. The Dryad comes to the King to tell him that someone is felling (murdering) the trees in Lantern Waste.
4. King Tirian and Jewel see a group of Calormenes chopping down trees in Lantern Waste.
5. Tirian and Jewel kill the two Calormenes because they have harnessed and are striking a Talking Horse.

Chapter 2 – Common Nouns

Various answers

Chapter 3

1. Tirian thinks that he is dishonored forever because he killed an unarmed man, which means he murdered him. Tirian surrenders himself to the Calormenes.
2. Shift is dressed in a scarlet jacket and jeweled slippers, and is wearing a paper crown. He is dressed this way so he looks like a man instead of an ape.
3. A mouthpiece is someone who speaks for someone else. Shift is a mouthpiece because he is telling everyone what “Aslan” wants him to tell them.
4. Shift answers the Lamb’s question by telling everyone that Tash and Aslan are the same person.
5. Tash and Aslan cannot be the same person because their characters are completely different, even opposites of each other. Tash takes the blood of men, while Aslan shed his blood for man.