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4. Why are the daughters of Colonel Munro traveling through the wilderness?
5. Why does Cora become offended at her sister, Alice?
6. **Infer:** How does Major Heyward feel toward one of the Munro sisters?
7. According to the story, why did the Indians leave a tuft of hair at the top of their head?
8. As the troops are marching away from Fort Edward, how does the author personify the forest?
9. What nickname did the French give to Magua?
10. What profession does David Gamut have?
11. How do Cora and David Gamut view nature differently?
12. Describe how Hawkeye, the white woodsman, is dressed:
13. Hawkeye and Chingachgook have an argument about what?
14. What is Hawkeye's true name?
15. What is the name that Hawkeye and the Mohicans use for the Hurons?
16. What does Hawkeye make the travelers promise before he helps them?
17. What animal is killed by Chingachgook?
18. Describe Hawkeye and the Mohicans' sanctuary or hideout:
19. **Infer:** What can you tell about Uncas based on how he treats Cora Munro?

20. How did Hawkeye learn the ways of the Indians?
21. How many members are left of the Mohican tribe?
22. Summarize the story that Chingachgook tells of his people:
23. What makes Hawkeye weep?
24. What tells the travelers that their enemies have found them?
25. **Predict:** What obstacles do you think the heroes of the story will face in the second part of this story?

The Last of the Mohicans: Part I Reading Guide KEY

1. During what American war does *The Last of the Mohicans* occur?
The French and Indian War
2. According to the story, what particular obstacle did armies have to overcome during this war?
The untamed wilderness (the land)
3. **Characterization:** What are some of the details of Major Duncan Heyward's character?
Military officer, follows orders, young and handsome
4. Why are the daughters of Colonel Munro traveling through the wilderness?
To get to their father's fort
5. Why does Cora become offended at her sister, Alice?
Alice makes a remark about the darkness of the Indian runner's skin
6. **Infer:** How does Major Heyward feel toward one of the Munro sisters?
He seems to have feelings toward Alice, the younger sister
7. According to the story, why did the Indians leave a tuft of hair at the top of their head?
For an enemy to hold as they remove the defeated warrior's scalp
8. As the troops are marching away from Fort Edward, how does the author personify the forest?
The forest "gobbled them up"
9. What nickname did the French give to Magua?
The Subtle Fox
10. What profession does David Gamut have?
Singing master
11. How do Cora and David Gamut view nature differently?
Gamut sees it as the land of the Devil, and Cora sees it as beautiful and pure
12. Describe how Hawkeye, the white woodsman, is dressed:
Cap made from animal skin, leather shirt and pants, moccasins
13. Hawkeye and Chingachgook have an argument about what?
The effectiveness of Indian weapons versus white man weapons
14. What is Hawkeye's true name?
Natty Bumppo
15. What is the name that Hawkeye and the Mohicans use for the Hurons?
Mingo
16. What does Hawkeye make the travelers promise before he helps them?
To keep the location of their hideous a secret
17. What animal is killed by Chingachgook?
Gamut's colt
18. Describe Hawkeye and the Mohicans' sanctuary or hideout:
A cave behind a waterfall
19. **Infer:** What can you tell about Uncas based on how he treats Cora Munro?
He likes the girls (especially Cora)

20. How did Hawkeye learn the ways of the Indians?

His parents died when he was boy, and the Indians raised him

21. How many members are left of the Mohican tribe?

Two

22. Summarize the story that Chingachgook tells of his people:

The white men came; the Indians took their liquor and lost their land piece by piece

23. What makes Hawkeye weep?

Gamut's song

24. What tells the travelers that their enemies have found them?

They hear a loud cry outside the cave

25. **Predict:** What obstacles do you think the heroes of the story will face in the second part of this story?

Answers will vary

1. What do the travelers finally decide is the source of the “inhuman” cry they heard?
2. What is Killdeer?
3. Who loses consciousness at the beginning of the Huron attack?
4. **Analyze:** How is David Gamut a foil for Hawkeye?
5. After they are unable to charge the traveler’s hideout, what alternate path do the Hurons take?
6. How does Hawkeye show mercy on one Huron?
7. Who saves Major Heyward from being killed by a Huron?
8. **Theme:** What issues regarding racism have appeared in the story so far?
9. When the group faces the prospect of certain death, what does Cora suggest?
10. What does Hawkeye tell the women to do if they are captured?
11. How do the Hurons know that Hawkeye has been defending the cave?
12. **Analyze:** How is Alice a foil for Cora?
13. As the women are being led away, what item does Cora drop?
14. Why does Magua want revenge on Colonel Munro?
15. How do the Huron plan to torture their captives?
16. Magua will give his captives freedom in exchange for what?
17. How are the Hurons planning to execute Major Heyward?
18. Who saves Cora from being scalped?

19. Who battles hand-to-hand against Magua?
20. How does Magua escape?
21. Hawkeye tells David Gamut he should trade in his pitch pipe for a what?
22. What are two of Hawkeye's other names by which he is known?
23. **Analyze:** How is Magua a foil for Chingachgook?
24. **Characterization:** After hearing Magua's side of the story, does he have a right to seek revenge? Explain.
25. **Connect:** Have you ever known of someone (real or fictional), who sought revenge like Magua? Explain.

The Last of the Mohicans: Part II Reading Guide KEY

1. What do the travelers finally decide is the source of the “inhuman” cry they heard?
Their horses being killed
2. What is Killdeer?
Hawkeye’s rifle
3. Who loses consciousness at the beginning of the Huron attack?
David Gamut
4. **Analyze:** How is David Gamut a foil for Hawkeye?
Gamut is Hawkeye’s opposite in many ways: unmasculine, not a lover of nature, not a fighter
5. After they are unable to charge the traveler’s hideout, what alternate path do the Hurons take?
They climb down the cliffs above them
6. How does Hawkeye show mercy on one Huron?
Kills him with his rifle before he falls to his death
7. Who saves Major Heyward from being killed by a Huron?
Uncas
8. **Theme:** What issues regarding racism have appeared in the story so far?
Gamut, Alice, and others judging the Indians’ abilities based on their skin color
9. When the group faces the prospect of certain death, what does Cora suggest?
Hawkeye and the Mohicans escaping and leaving the others behind
10. What does Hawkeye tell the women to do if they are captured?
Break twigs off trees as they pass through the forest
11. How do the Hurons know that Hawkeye has been defending the cave?
They find his longrifle
12. **Analyze:** How is Alice a foil for Cora?
Cora is strongwilled and unprejudiced; Alice is weak and prejudiced
13. As the women are being led away, what item does Cora drop?
Glove
14. Why does Magua want revenge on Colonel Munro?
The white man’s “gift” of alcohol ruined his life
15. How do the Huron plan to torture their captives?
With sharp pointed sticks heated in a fire
16. Magua will give his captives freedom in exchange for what?
Cora becoming his wife
17. How are the Hurons planning to execute Major Heyward?
Tying him to trees, so they will rip him apart
18. Who saves Cora from being scalped?
Uncas

19. Who battles hand-to-hand against Magua?

Chingachgook

20. How does Magua escape?

Jumps off a cliff

21. Hawkeye tells David Gamut he should trade in his pitch pipe for a what?

A rifle

22. What are two of Hawkeye's other names by which he is known?

Long Rifle, Deerslayer, Pathfinder, Leatherstocking (choose two)

23. **Analyze:** How is Magua a foil for Chingachgook?

Both are Native Americans, but Magua is bent on revenge, and Chingachgook has befriended Hawkeye

24. **Characterization:** After hearing Magua's side of the story, does he have a right to seek revenge? Explain.

Answers will vary

25. **Connect:** Have you ever known of someone (real or fictional), who sought revenge like Magua? Explain.

Answers will vary

1. Where are Hawkeye and the other travelers heading?
2. What is the only book that Hawkeye has ever read?
3. **Analyze:** How do David Gamut and Hawkeye have differing ideas about religion?
4. What natural distraction allows the travelers to make their way to Fort William Henry?
5. What happened to the reinforcements that were supposed to assist Colonel Munro?
6. According to Chingachgook, what is the difference between the way white men and Indians fight?
7. What important question does Major Heyward need to ask Colonel Munro?
8. Colonel Munro accuses Major Heyward of what prejudice?
9. What is the secret of Cora's "nature"?
10. How are Cora and Hawkeye similar?
11. Who or what has been Hawkeye's only love?
12. According to Hawkeye, all greatness comes from what?
13. **Respond:** Do you agree with this? Explain.
14. What character is among the party of the Marquis de Montcalm?
15. Montcalm has a letter that says what?
16. What promise does Montcalm make if the British will surrender?
17. Why does Uncas not want to leave the fort with Hawkeye and Chingachgook?
18. **Analyze:** Could a romance between Cora and her admirer ever happen? Explain.
19. When Magua speaks to Montcalm, why is he angry?

20. Major Heyward assigns what person to be the protector of the Munro sisters?
21. What does one Indian take from a woman?
22. How does David Gamut save the lives of the Munro sisters?
23. Who seizes the Munro sisters and whisks them away into the woods?
24. **Theme:** What are the various “gifts” of the characters and how do they use them in the story?
25. **Predict:** What do you think will happen in the final portion of the story?

The Last of the Mohicans: Part III Reading Guide **KEY**

1. Where are Hawkeye and the other travelers heading?
Fort William Henry
2. What is the only book that Hawkeye has ever read?
The woods
3. **Analyze:** How do David Gamut and Hawkeye have differing ideas about religion?
Gamut believes God can only be found in a church building; Hawkeye sees him in nature
4. What natural distraction allows the travelers to make their way to Fort William Henry?
Deep fog
5. What happened to the reinforcements that were supposed to assist Colonel Munro?
They were cowardly and did not come to fight
6. According to Chingachgook, what is the difference between the way white men and Indians fight?
Indians fight, but then stop; white men never stop fighting
7. What important question does Major Heyward need to ask Colonel Munro?
If he can marry Alice
8. Colonel Munro accuses Major Heyward of what prejudice?
Not wanting Cora because she has some African-American heritage
9. What is the secret of Cora's "nature"?
Colonel Munro's first wife (Cora's mother) was partially descended from African-American slaves
10. How are Cora and Hawkeye similar?
They feel ostracized from society because of their differences
11. Who or what has been Hawkeye's only love?
The woods
12. According to Hawkeye, all greatness comes from what?
Individuality
13. **Respond:** Do you agree with this? Explain.
Answers will vary
14. What character is among the party of the Marquis de Montcalm?
Magua
15. Montcalm has a letter that says what?
General Webb won't come to aid the British forces
16. What promise does Montcalm make if the British will surrender?
He will let them all depart the force in peace
17. Why does Uncas not want to leave the fort with Hawkeye and Chingachgook?
He is worried about Cora
18. **Analyze:** Could a romance between Cora and her admirer ever happen? Explain.
Answers will vary
19. When Magua speaks to Montcalm, why is he angry?
He had been promised captives from the fort for aiding the French

20. Major Heyward assigns what person to be the protector of the Munro sisters?

David Gamut

21. What does one Indian take from a woman?

Her baby

22. How does David Gamut save the lives of the Munro sisters?

By singing loudly

23. Who seizes the Munro sisters and whisks them away into the woods?

Magua

24. **Theme:** What are the various “gifts” of the characters and how do they use them in the story?

Hawkeye uses his tracking skills; Gamut uses his singing; Cora uses her bravery and firm constitution

25. **Predict:** What do you think will happen in the final portion of the story?

Answers will vary

1. What clue tells Uncas that Cora has been captured?
2. What clue tells Uncas that David Gamut is with her as well?
3. According to Hawkeye, where is Magua taking his captives?
4. How must Major Heyward change his clothing before they venture after Magua?
5. According to Hawkeye, how do white men and Indians view learning differently?
6. What do Indians do to their captives, which makes them harder to recapture?
7. What do Hawkeye and his companions steal from an Indian settlement?
8. What character is now dressed like an Indian?
9. Why did the Indians spare David Gamut?
10. How did Hawkeye disguise himself to sneak into the Huron camp?
11. Cora is being held in the settlement of what group of Indians?
12. In order to enter the Indian village, what must Uncas first do?
13. Who is Tamenund?
14. What comments does Magua say about white men?
15. What is tattooed upon Uncas's chest?
16. What does he tell the Delawares that shocks and amazes them?
17. According to Indian law, why can Cora not be released?
18. What does David Gamut use as a weapon?
19. Whom does one of the Hurons stab?

20. Whom does Magua stab?
21. Who falls from a cliff at the end of the story?
22. **Analyze:** Why are Uncas and Cora laid next to one another? How is this symbolic?
23. Which character is actually the last of the Mohicans?
24. What is the importance of Tamenund's words at the end of the story?
25. **Symbolism:** What meaning is there behind the deaths of Cora and Uncas?

The Last of the Mohicans: Part IV Reading Guide **KEY**

1. What clue tells Uncas that Cora has been captured?
Green scarf
2. What clue tells Uncas that David Gamut is with her as well?
Finding David Gamut's pitch pipe in on the ground
3. According to Hawkeye, where is Magua taking his captives?
Canada—Indian territory
4. How must Major Heyward change his clothing before they venture after Magua?
Take off his redcoat and put on Indian clothing
5. According to Hawkeye, how do white men and Indians view learning differently?
White men learn from books while Indians learn from time and experience
6. What do Indians do to their captives, which makes them harder to recapture?
Separate them; keep them in separate camps
7. What do Hawkeye and his companions steal from an Indian settlement?
A canoe
8. What character is now dressed like an Indian?
David Gamut
9. Why did the Indians spare David Gamut?
His singing made them think he was insane
10. How did Hawkeye disguise himself to sneak into the Huron camp?
In the bear skin of an Indian shaman
11. Cora is being held in the settlement of what group of Indians?
Delaware Indians
12. In order to enter the Indian village, what must Uncas first do?
Run the gauntlet and let a series of Indian warriors strike him
13. Who is Tamenund?
A wise, old Indian leader
14. What comments does Magua say about white men?
They lie, they use Indians to fight their wars, and then they take more and more land
15. What is tattooed upon Uncas's chest?
A turtle in blue ink
16. What does he tell the Delawares that shocks and amazes them?
He is actually one of their people; the Mohican tribe fathered their tribe
17. According to Indian law, why can Cora not be released?
Captives always belong to the person who captured him
18. What does David Gamut use as a weapon?
A sling and stones
19. Whom does one of the Hurons stab?
Cora

20. Whom does Magua stab?

Uncas

21. Who falls from a cliff at the end of the story?

Magua

22. **Analyze:** Why are Uncas and Cora laid next to one another? How is this symbolic?

They are laid out for their funeral; it almost a symbolic marriage of the two characters

23. Which character is actually the last of the Mohicans?

Chingachgook

24. What is the importance of Tamenund's words at the end of the story?

He mourns that the culture of the Native Americans is being overtaken by the white man

25. **Symbolism:** What meaning is there behind the deaths of Cora and Uncas?

They were both different from society, and society destroyed them.