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Understanding the Story

Chapters 1 - 3

Multiple Choice

1. Why does Kit travel to Connecticut from Barbados?

- (a) She is training to be a sailor.
- (b) Her dream is to settle in Pennsylvania.
- (c) To live with relatives after her grandfather passes away.
- (d) She is following the boy she loves.

2. What does Kit dive overboard to rescue in Chapter 1?

- (a) A hat.
- (b) A doll.
- (c) A dog.
- (d) A necklace.

Short Answer

3. Based on these chapters, how would you describe Kit's personality?

Long Answer

4. When Kit arrives at her aunt's house in Chapter 3, how do her aunt and uncle react?

A Little Extra!

Kit travels far from home with no one to care for her. Many would consider her actions brave. On the back of this sheet, write a paragraph describing a time you had to do something that required you to be brave. Compare your actions to Kit's.

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Chapter Summary

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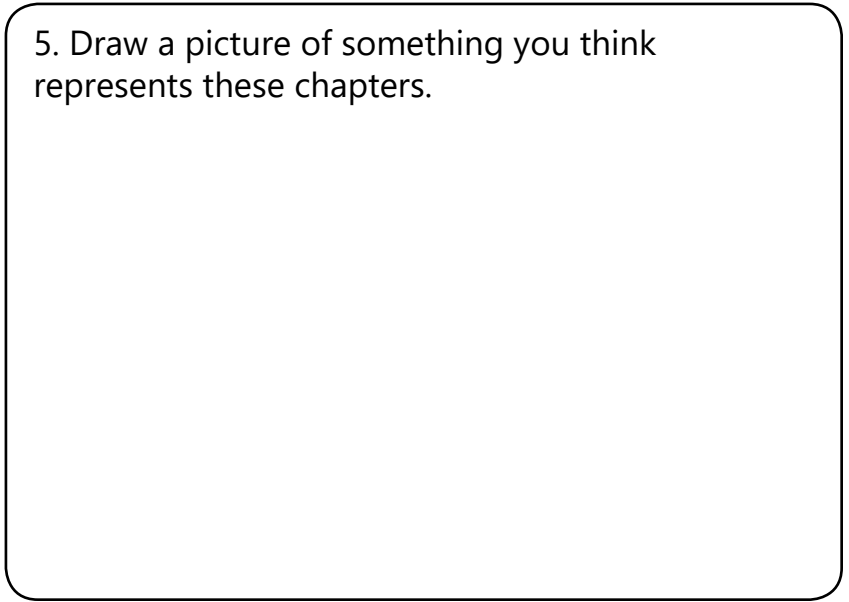
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Chapters 4 - 6

Multiple Choice

1. Which best describes how Uncle Matthew sees Kit in Chapter 4?

- (a) As hardworking and devout.
- (b) As smart and brave.
- (c) As kind and generous.
- (d) As vain and spoiled.

2. Which of the following is Reverend Gershom Bulkeley strongly in support of?

- (a) The King of England.
- (b) Votes for women.
- (c) The Bank of America.
- (d) Scientific research.

Short Answer

3. Describe the character of Mercy and her impact on Kit.

Long Answer

4. In Chapter 6, a strong disagreement breaks out between the Reverend Bulkeley and Matthew Wood. On what topic do they disagree? Do you think their views may pose a problem for them later on in the story?

**A Little
Extra!**

This story is set in the American colonies during the late 1600s. What do you think would be the most interesting thing about living during this time and place? What do you think would be the hardest thing?

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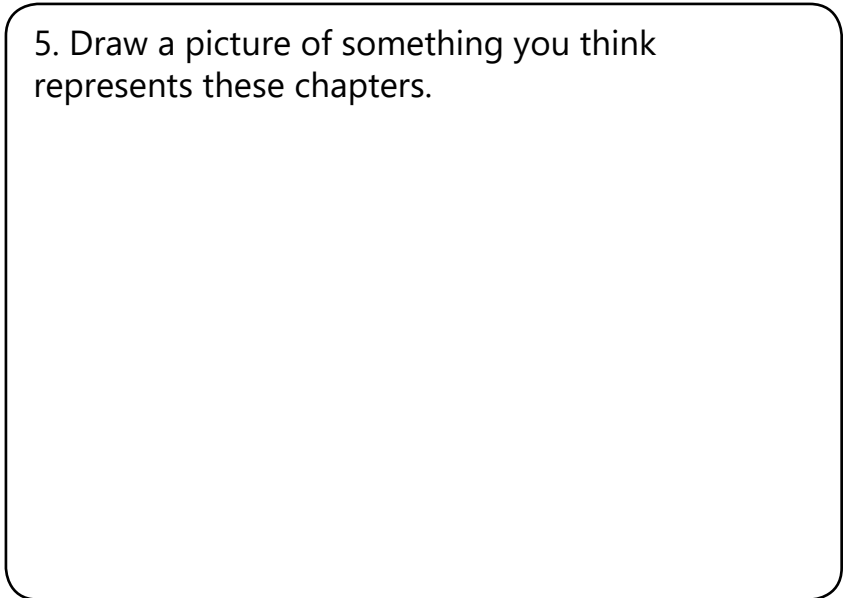
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Chapters 7 - 9

Multiple Choice

1. How does Kit describe her time spent with William Ashby?

- (a) She finds the conversation very stimulating.
- (b) Her time with him is long and dull.
- (c) His visits leave her feeling homesick.
- (d) He can make her laugh at the drop of a hat.

2. How does Kit put her teaching career in danger?

- (a) She uses a switch to punish students.
- (b) She reveals that she cannot read.
- (c) She lets a Bible story performance get out of hand.
- (d) The children complain that she is boring.

Short Answer

3. Who is Hannah Tupper? What does the reader learn about her in Chapter 8 and 9?

Long Answer

4. Compare and contrast the characters of Judith and Kit OR Judith and Mercy. How are they similar? How are they different? Be sure to use details from the book to support your answer.

**A Little
Extra!**

How do you think Kit's uncle would react if he were to find out that Kit has been visiting Hannah?

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Chapters 7 - 9

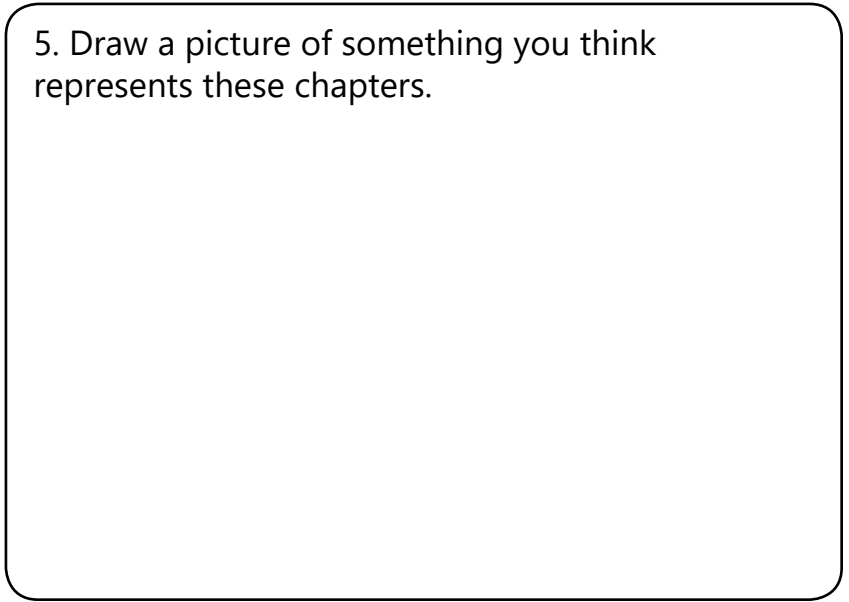
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Chapters 10 - 12

Multiple Choice

1. Who does Kit discover to be Hannah Tupper's seafaring friend?

- (a) John Holbrook.
- (b) William Ashby.
- (c) Nat Eaton.
- (d) Mercy Wood.

2. What does Kit do for Hannah in Chapter 12?

- (a) Husks corn in the field.
- (b) Braids ropes for the ship.
- (c) Chops wood.
- (d) Mends her thatched roof.

Short Answer

3. Who leaves Kit little bouquets of flowers? Explain why.

Long Answer

4. Kit learns a lot about Nat while spending time with him in Chapter 12. Discuss at least three of the new things she learns about him in Chapter 12.

**A Little
Extra!**

In Chapter 11, Prudence asks Kit why people call Hannah a witch. Kit tells her that "people are afraid of things they don't understand." What does Kit mean by this? Share an example from your own life to illustrate what Kit means.

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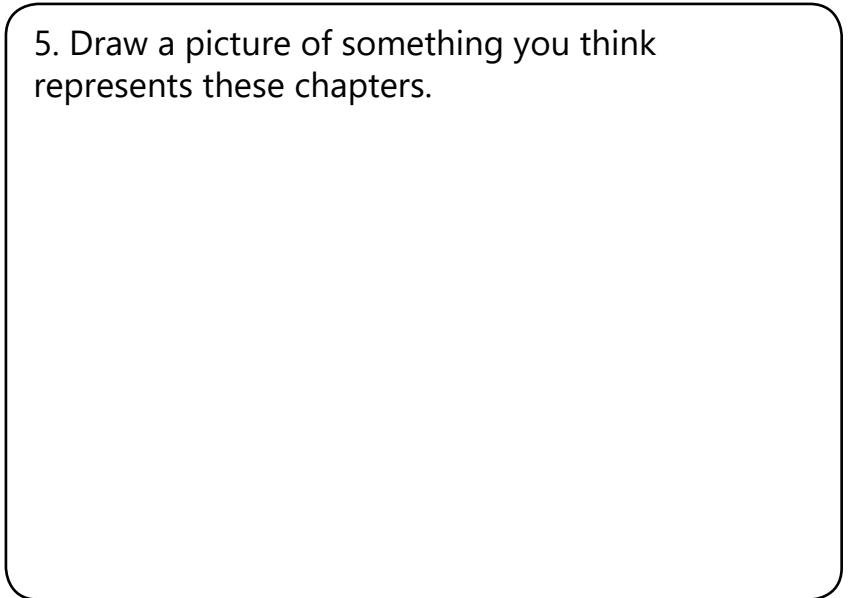
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Chapters 13 - 15

Multiple Choice

1. Who does John Holbrook confess to having feelings for in Chapter 13?

- (a) Judith.
- (b) Hannah.
- (c) Mercy.
- (d) Kit.

2. Why does Nat treat Kit coolly at the dock?

- (a) He thinks she has decided to marry William Ashby.
- (b) Judith is with her.
- (c) Kit wants to go back to Barbados.
- (d) Kit refused to deliver his package to Hannah.

Short Answer

3. What causes several townsmen to gather at the Wood household until late at night?

Long Answer

4. A conflict is a struggle between two opposite sides. It can be between people, ideas, or circumstances. Choose one conflict from the book. Explain what the conflict is and who or what is involved.

**A Little
Extra!**

There are clearly two sides on the issue of English rule over the settlement. Some remain loyal to the King while others fear their freedoms will disappear. Imagine you live in Wethersfield. What side might you support and why? Use at least two details from the book to support your answer.

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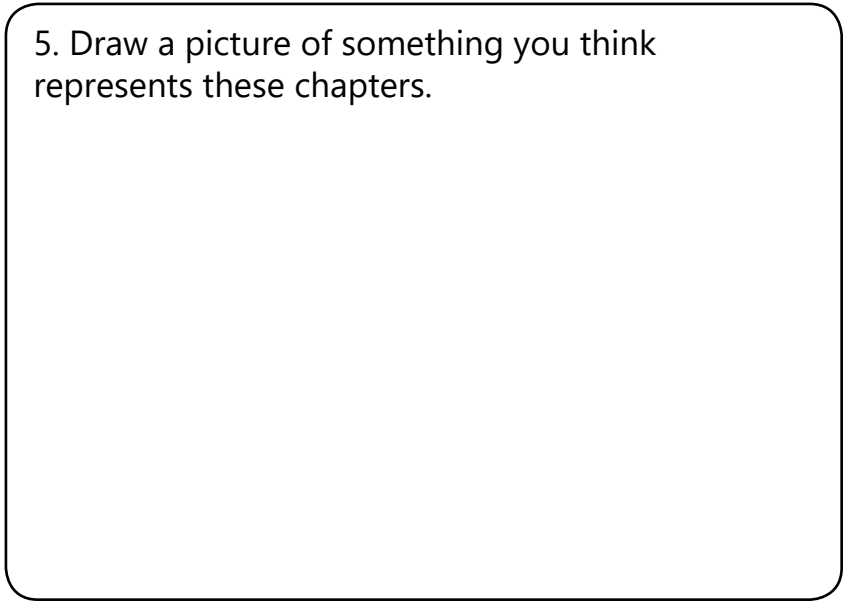
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Chapters 16 - 18

Multiple Choice

1. Who is blamed for the illness that spreads in Chapter 17?

- (a) Hannah Tupper.
- (b) King James.
- (c) William Ashby.
- (d) Mercy Wood.

2. Why is Kit arrested and thrown into a makeshift prison?

- (a) She lies to her uncle.
- (b) She taught Prudence Cruft to read.
- (c) People think she is a witch.
- (d) She takes part in burning down William's house.

Short Answer

3. What do the townspeople do to Hannah Tupper in Chapter 17? Why do they do this?

Long Answer

4. How does Uncle Matthew react to the charges brought against Kit in Chapters 17 and 18?

**A Little
Extra!**

When Kit rescues Hannah and hands her over to Nat, he urges Kit to come with him, but she does not. Do you think Kit makes the right decision? Why or why not?

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Chapter Summary

Chapters 16 - 18

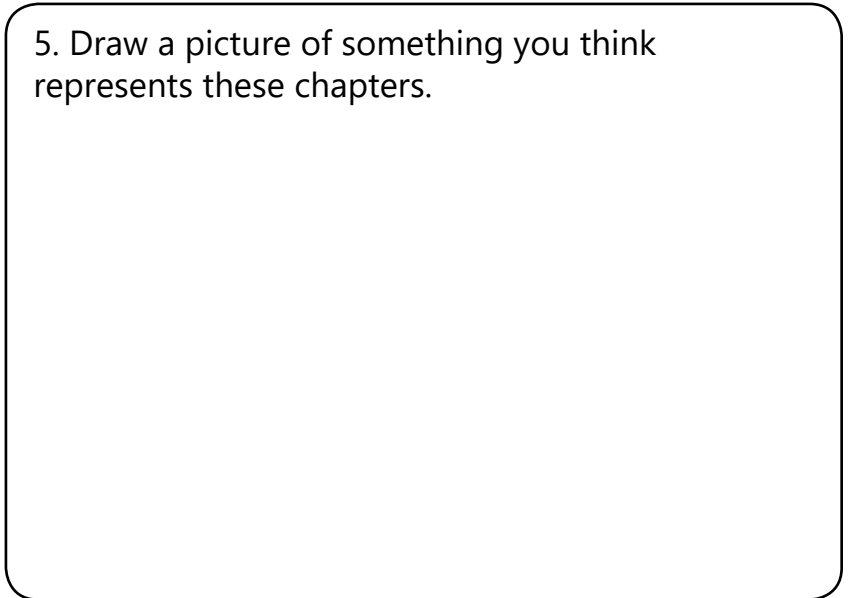
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Chapters 19 - 21

Multiple Choice

1. What simple act proves Kit's innocence and puts an end to the trial and witch-hunt?

- (a) Hannah testifies for Kit.
- (b) Prudence shows she can read and write.
- (c) Goodwife Cruff takes back her accusations.
- (d) Nat appears as a witness for Kit.

2. What is one reason for Kit's decision not to marry William?

- (a) She and William argue all the time.
- (b) She doesn't want to live in his house.
- (c) He didn't support her during the trial.
- (d) He acts unkindly towards Mercy.

Short Answer

3. At the end of the story, Mercy, Judith, and Kit are all happily in love. Do any of the pairings come as a surprise to you? Why or why not?

Long Answer

4. Describe the ending of *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*.

**A Little
Extra!**

Write a book review for *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*. Would you recommend this book to others? Why or why not?

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