

**Vocabulary:** Draw a line from each word on the left to its definition on the right. Then use the numbered words to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

- 1. taunted
- 2. hearth
- 3. ponder
- 4. descent

- a. downward motion
- b. floor of a fireplace
- c. think about carefully
- d. ridicules; mocked

- 1. The skier surveyed the mountain before starting her rapid \_\_\_\_\_ down the hill.
- 2. The log burned brightly on the \_\_\_\_\_, making the room warm and cozy.
- 3. It would be wise to \_\_\_\_\_ the problem before making a plan of action.
- 4. The new child on the block was \_\_\_\_\_ by other children who did not welcome newcomers.

**Questions:** Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

- 1. What was unusual about the weather in Norway in the winter of 1940?

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- 2. What was odd about Uncle Victor’s greeting when he saw the children?

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- 3. How did Peter’s father react when Peter told him that Uncle Victor was in Riswyk? Why was this unusual

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- 4. What was Peter’s father planning to do with the gold bullion? Why was he making these plans?

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5. What did Uncle Victor mean when he said to Peter, “You’re all right, youngster, you’ll do”?

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**Literary Elements: Setting** – The setting is the time and place where a story happens. What is the setting of this story?

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How do you know that the setting of this story is very important?

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**Snow Treasure**

**Chapter 3 – 5**

**Vocabulary:** Word analogies are equations in which the first pair of words has the same relationship as the second pair of words. For example, TINY is to HUGE as EXCITING is to BORING. Both pair of words are opposites. Choose a word from the Word Box to complete each of the analogies below. Then use words from the Word Box to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

**WORD BOX**

grave                  hover

1. SUBMARINE is to DIVE as HELICOPTER is to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. SERIOUS is to \_\_\_\_\_ as HAPPY is to CHEERFUL.

**Questions:** Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. Why were the men of Riswyk building air-raid shelters?

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2. Why did Uncle Victor help the school children form the Defense Club?

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3. Why did Peter's father think the time had come to hid the gold?

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4. Why was the gold being hidden instead of being shipped out of the country?

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5. Why didn't Peter recognize the cave where the gold was hidden?

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**Chapter 6 – 9**

**Vocabulary:** Synonyms are words with similar meanings. Draw a line from each word in column A to its synonym in column B. Then use the words in column A to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

- | A            | B              |
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| 1. hasty     | a. step        |
| 2. impending | b. quick       |
| 3. tread     | c. timidly     |
| 4. meekly    | d. threatening |

1. We waited in suspense as we heard the soldier's heavy \_\_\_\_\_ coming in our direction.
2. We were afraid the \_\_\_\_\_ storm would ruin our plans for the sled trip.
3. As soon as you hear the warning sirens, make a \_\_\_\_\_ retreat.
4. Answer \_\_\_\_\_ if the soldiers question you, so as not to call attention to yourself.

**Questions:** Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. Why was all of Norway "blacked out" on the night of April 8, 1940?

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2. Why did Mr. Lundstrom tell Peter that he was “the man of the house”?

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3. What triggered Uncle Victor’s direction, “On your sleds, children”? Why did he want the children to begin their sled trips to the Snake so soon?

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4. Why was elderly Per Garson skiing in the back yard?

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5. Why wasn’t Peter able to find the cave at first?

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6. What evidence showed that the adults of Riswyk had great faith in their children?

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**Chapter 10 – 12**

**Vocabulary:** Draw a line from each word on the left to its definition on the right. Then use the numbered words to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

- 1. sentry
- 2. famished

- a. extremely hungry
- b. soldier who stands guard

- 1. The children were \_\_\_\_\_ after their long sled ride.
- 2. How would the children get past the German \_\_\_\_\_ who was guarding the road?

**Background Information: Goose-step**

Nazi soldiers used a marching step known as the goose-step in which the legs are swung high and kept straight and stiff. This was used as a parade step.

**Questions:** Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. What worried the children as they began their first trip with the gold?

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2. Why did Peter decide to sled directly into the path of the German soldiers?

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3. How did the German soldiers react when Peter sledded into them? What did this reveal about the captain?

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4. Why weren't the children able to spot Uncle Victor's boat?

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5. Why was Herr Holm worried about the weather?

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**Chapter 13 – 17**

**Vocabulary:** Antonyms are words with opposite meanings. Draw a line from each word in column A to its antonym in column B. Then use the words in column A to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

- A
1. ruefully
  2. calamity
  3. preceding
  4. resolute

- B
- a. celebration
  - b. following
  - c. indecisive
  - d. happily

1. Per Garson looked \_\_\_\_\_ at the stacks of gold which were nowhere near high enough.
2. The rains didn't last long, putting off the \_\_\_\_\_ if the snow melted at the caves.

3. Per Garson's bones would ache \_\_\_\_\_ a change in the weather.
4. The children were \_\_\_\_\_ in their determination to transport all of the gold to the snake.

**Questions:** Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. How had the view from the lookout changed since the children had seen it last?

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2. How did the Norwegian children react to the German soldiers' offers of friendship?

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3. Why weren't the townspeople of Riswyk worried about being stuck in their homes during the blizzard?

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4. Why was Peter worried when he saw the ski tracks on the fresh snow?

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5. Why did the new Commandant want the children of Riswyk to go to school?

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6. Why did Dr. Akers invent an epidemic that only affected the younger children?

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7. How did Dr. Akers avoid having the German army doctor inspect one of his "sick" patients?

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**Literary Elements: Cliffhanger** – A cliffhanger is a moment of suspense usually placed at the end of a chapter or section of a book to encourage the reader to continue on to the next chapter.

What is the cliffhanger at the end of Chapter Seventeen?

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**Personification – Personification** in literature occurs when an author grants (gives) human qualities to non-human objects. For example:

[The wind] entered through cracks and crevices that no one knew existed. It seemed to force its way through openings that had been puttied and sealed with the greatest care, it tossed ancient ashes . . . into little whirlpools of dust in all the rooms.

What is being personified?

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**Chapter 18 – 25**

**Vocabulary:** Use the context to help choose the best meaning for the underlined word in each of the following sentences. Circle the letter of the meaning you choose.

1. The trail went straight up for a mile, reached a crest, and then dipped down again to meet the road below.  
a. valley                      b. hill                      c. lowest part                      d. highest part
2. People were sent to prison camps for failing to exalt their leader.  
a. glorify                      b. insult                      c. undermine                      d. aggravate
3. Trying to appear as a civilian, the soldier ripped the insignia off his collar.  
a. button                      b. distinguishing emblem                      c. tie                      d. device to hold tie in place
4. The reporter's deceit was evident when the story he promised to keep secret was leaked to the press.  
a. tragedy                      b. hostility                      c. culture                      d. dishonesty

**Questions:** Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. Why didn't Peter try to contact Uncle Victor himself?

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2. Why wasn't Peter surprised that some German soldiers were fine skiers?

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3. Why wasn't Peter surprised that some German soldiers were fine skiers?

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4. Why did people believe Helga's suspicions about being watched?

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5. How did the captured soldier explain why he appeared to be spying?

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**Questions:** Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. According to his story why did Jan Lasek want to live in America? How had he missed his opportunity?

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2. Why did the Germans have a large store of costumes and disguises?

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3. Why did Lasek tell his story to Uncle Victor and Peter?

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4. Why did Peter throw a snowball at the Commandant?

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5. How was Jan Lasek able to rescue Peter? Why did he take his risk?

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6. Why did Uncle Victor decide to take Jan and Peter to America?

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