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BOOK CLUB

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I Survived The Shark Attacks of 1916



CLOSE-READING QUESTIONS AND LETTER ASSIGNMENT

CLOSE-READING QUESTIONS:

1. When Chet's friends come into the diner at the beginning of the book, what are they excited to tell Chet about? What does Uncle Jerry have to say about their news?

2. Who is Captain Wilson and what story does he tell the boys?



3. Why does Chet live with Uncle Jerry instead of Mama and Papa?

4. What happens with the Sid, Dewey, and Monty at the creek that upsets Chet?

5. What is the Creek Devil? How does the Creek Devil play a role in Chet's plans to get back at his friends for pranking him?

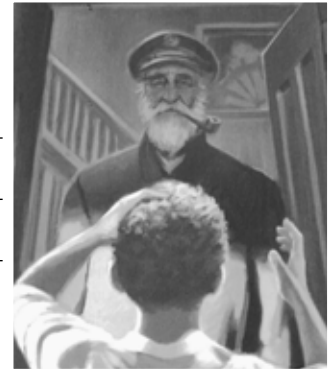
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CLOSE-READING QUESTIONS AND JOURNALISM ASSIGNMENT *(CONTINUED)*

6. What does Uncle Jerry have to say about Chet's Creek Devil prank?

7. What does Chet do after he gets attacked by the shark in the creek?
Who doesn't believe him? Who does?



8. What is Captain Wilson's explanation for how a shark could be in the creek?

9. When Chet tries to warn the boys about the shark in the creek, what happens? What do they do?

10. What do Chet and the boys decide about pranks when the boys visit him in the hospital?

JOURNALISM ASSIGNMENT: Imagine that you are Chet, and you writing a letter to your parents. Tell

ANSWERS

CLOSE-READING QUESTIONS:

1. They are excited to tell Chet about an article in the newspaper about a shark attack in Beach Haven. Uncle Jerry says that it must be a hoax because sharks don't attack humans.
2. Captain Wilson is a regular at the diner who used to be a whaling-ship captain. He tells the boys a story about being shipwrecked in a storm and ending up alone in the ocean with a shark who attacked him.
3. Chet lives with Uncle Jerry because Papa travels the country with Mama looking for business opportunities. Mama finally decided that Chet should stay in one place with Uncle Jerry instead of traveling around with them.
4. The boys play a prank on Chet, pretending that they're being attacked by a shark.
5. The Creek Devil is a made-up monster that drags kids into the mud to eat them. When Mr. Colton and Dr. Jay tell Chet about the Creek Devil, Chet decides he's going to pretend to be the Creek Devil and leap up out of the water covered in mud to scare his friends.
6. Uncle Jerry says that maybe Chet's prank was too gruesome, but he also laughs and says that it was "darned good."
7. Chet runs to Main Street and into Mr. Colton's hardware, where he tells people that he was attacked by a shark, but they don't believe him. Then he finds Captain Wilson, who does believe him.
8. Captain Wilson says that the creek empties out into Raritan Bay, which leads to the Atlantic Ocean. If the tides are high and the currents are strong, a shark could get swept right up into the creek.
9. The boys don't believe Chet, and they jump and splash in the water and start calling to the shark to come and get them.
10. Chet and his friends decide to call a truce, and not play pranks on each other anymore.

LETTER ASSIGNMENT:

Answers will vary but there should be one
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