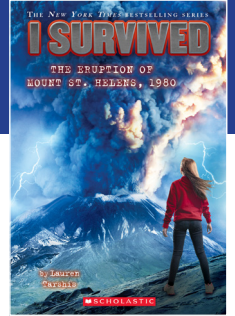


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CLOSE-READING QUESTIONS AND MENU ASSIGNMENT

CLOSE-READING QUESTIONS:

1. Why do Jess, Sam, and Eddie go to the fishing cabin with Mr. Rowan?

2. What does Jess think of her hometown of Cedar, Washington? Why?

3. When Jess, Sam, and Eddie go inside the cabin, what do they find? What don't they find? And what happens while they're there?

4. Who is Dr. Morales, and why is he in town? What does he tell the group at Clive's about volcanoes?

5. Why does Mr. Daley cancel the fractions quiz? What does he teach the students instead?

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

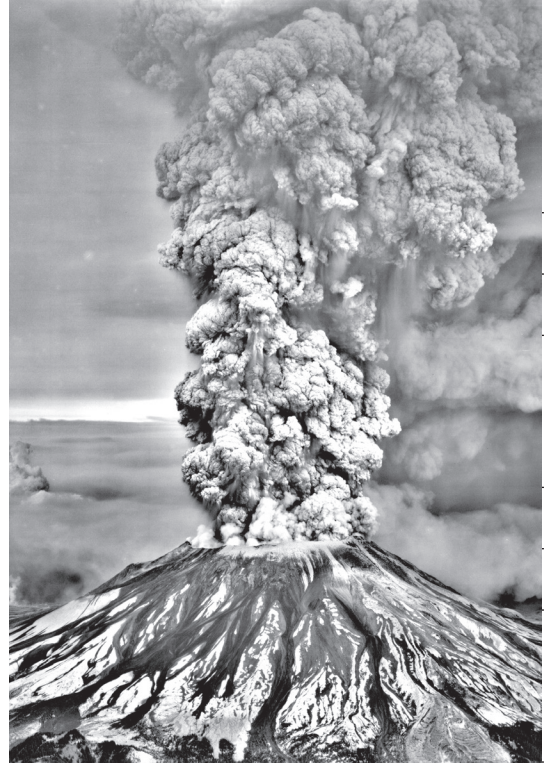
6. What is the difference between a steam explosion and an eruption? How do they look different?

7. Why does Jess want to go back to the forest, even though there have been warning signs that Mount St. Helens is going to erupt?

8. When the pyroclastic surge hits Jess, Sam, and Eddie, what does Jess decide to do, and why? And what does she tell the boys to do when the ash starts to fall?

9. When Jess climbs out of the hole to look at the forest, what does she see? What does this make her realize?

10. How much damage did the eruption of Mount St. Helens cause?



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

MENU ASSIGNMENT: Imagine that you are Jess, and the new owners of Clive’s Diner—the Rowans—have asked you to help create their new menu. First, write an introduction, explaining how Clive’s was started, why it’s meaningful to you, and why you’re glad that the Rowans are the new owners. Then develop Mount St. Helens-related names and descriptions for several dishes as well as a logo for the diner.

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ANSWERS

CLOSE-READING QUESTIONS:

1. Jess, Sam, and Eddie go to the fishing cabin with Mr. Rowan because they want to check out the broken-down shack in the woods near Loomis Lake. There, they'll take a picture to prove to Missy Samuels that they went looking for Skeleton Woman.
2. Jess thinks Cedar is dull. There are only about four hundred people who live there, and the nearest grocery store is 20 miles away.
3. When Jess, Sam, and Eddie go inside the cabin, they find a table, chairs, and some boxes of junk along with a paintbrush and a can splattered with red paint. They don't find Skeleton Woman, baskets of bones, or cauldrons of witches' brew. While they're there, an earthquake hits.
4. Dr. Morales is a seismologist who is in town because there have been earthquakes under Mount St. Helens, and he's worried the volcano is about to erupt. At Clive's, he explains the history of Mount St. Helens as well as what a pyroclastic surge is and what role a surge played in the eruption of Mount Pelée.
5. Mr. Daley cancels the fractions quiz so he can give the students a lesson about volcanoes instead. He teaches them that the Earth is like a big ball of candy with different layers. The outer shell is the crust, and underneath is molten rock. Volcanoes form in the spots where there are cracks in the crust.
6. A steam explosion is just steam mixed with a little bit of ash, and the smoke that billows up turns white and disappears. Although it's small, like a "volcano burp," it warns of an eruption. When a volcano truly erupts, the smoke is steel gray or black, and it lasts for hours or days.
7. Despite the warning signs, Jess wants to go back to the forest to get her father's camera, which she dropped in the shack during the earthquake.
8. Jess decides that they should all jump in a hole and bury themselves in the dirt as much as possible to escape the blistering heat from the pyroclastic surge. When the ash starts falling, she tells the boys to pull their shirts over their faces like a mask, to filter it out.
9. When Jess climbs out, she sees a graveyard of fallen trees, ripped out of the ground by the blast and the surge, some uprooted, some snapped like twigs. She realizes that if she and the twins hadn't been in the hole, they would have been crushed.
10. The eruption of Mount St. Helens killed 57 people and sent millions of tons of rock and ice and volcanic debris crashing down the mountain. The pyroclastic surge destroyed everything in its five-mile path, including millions of trees. Two hundred and thirty miles of wilderness was burned, ripped apart, or buried under a hundred feet of mud and debris.

MENU ASSIGNMENT:

Answers will vary but should include the story of why Jess's grandfather started Clive's, and how having the Rowans take it over feels like keeping it in the family.