

8TH GRADE SUMMER READING BOOK Battle at Terror Creek by Watt Key

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Directions: You can either print the questions and answers on notebook paper OR copy and paste them into a word document, type your answers and then print out 2 copies (1 for me / 1 for you). This will be a graded assignment and we will have a test over the novel Aug. 16th

Guiding Questions for Terror at Bottle Creek

In chapter 1, who said, "It's too early to be worried"? What can you infer he was talking about?

In chapter 2, why did Cort ride the boat with his shoelaces untied?

In chapter 3, what did Cort wonder about Liza?

In chapter 4, why did Cort pour water over Hoss?

In chapter 5, what does it mean to be on the east side of the hurricane?

In chapter 6, how did Cort describe Mrs. Stovall?

In chapter 7, what did Cort wonder about Liza?

In chapter 8, where had a state of emergency been declared?

In chapter 9, where were Dad and Cort planning to ride out the storm?

In chapter 10, how did Cort sense the hurricane was coming?

In chapter 11, what did Cort tell Francie?

In chapter 12, what did Dad do to the houseboat?

In chapter 13, who was the first to see Catfish?

In chapter 14, what was the name of the hurricane?

In chapter 15, why has Liza not been going to the river as much?

In chapter 16, why was there Catfish tied on the tracks of the garage door?

In chapter 17, why did Francie scream?

In chapter 18, what happened to Francie?

In chapter 19, what did Cort tell Liza to get out of the box?

In chapter 20, what was dragging under the boat?

In chapter 21, what three choices did they have?

In chapter 22, what was the explosion of water from?

In chapter 23, what happened to Cort when he was 10? How did he escape?

In chapter 24, why did Cort close his eyes while he was swimming?

In chapter 25, why did they need to get out of the water?

In chapter 26, what did they find on the large mound, hill?

In chapter 27, what did Liza say would happen to Cort's leg?

In chapter 28, what did Cort do with Liza's vest?

In chapter 29, what happened to Liza?

In chapter 30, why did Dad tell the attorney to slow down?

In chapter 31, what was the bear trying to do?

In chapter 32, what might happen to Liza's leg?

In chapter 33, why were the animals hesitant to get into the water?

In chapter 34, what was Cort confident of?

In chapter 35, how did Cort feel at the end of this chapter?

In chapter 36, what did Cort's Dad give him?

In chapter 37, how did Cort's Dad know that they could get an ambulance on the landing?

In chapter 38, what did the water look like?

In chapter 39, what was Dad's plan to capture Rusty?

In chapter 40, how did Cort know Liza was alive?

In chapter 41, what was Cort afraid Elmo might do?

In chapter 42, where did Cort wake up?

In chapter 43, how did Dad know they were in trouble?

In chapter 44, what did Francie tell Cort he needed to do?

In chapter 45, what did Dad say Liza was lucky to have?

In chapter 46, what did Cort have plenty of time to decide?

VOCABULARY



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Here is a picture of a swamp. There are a lot of words used in the story that all relate to water:

swamp, slough, bayou, marsh, river, creeks. Hopefully, these definitions will help you understand what they mean.

- swamp: An area of low-lying ground where water collects, often called a bog or marsh.
- bayou: A marshy outlet of a lake or river.
- slough: (pronounced sloo like the color blue OR slou so that it rhymes with cow)

A channel of water that moves through a swamp, similar to a river but the water moves very slowly, and it is much smaller than a river.

- creek: A stream, brook, or minor tributary of a river.

Don't worry if you don't really understand the difference in each of these words. Just know this: the river is the larger body of water that floods and creates the swamp. Bayous, creeks, and sloughs are similar to rivers, but smaller and the water usually moves slower in them.