

# **Comprehension Questions – Holes by Louis Sachar**

**Grades 6-8; Genre - Fiction; GRL V; AR 7.0**

## **Comprehension Questions**

Chapter 1

How does the author begin this story?

Chapter 2

Describe the setting of this story.

Chapter 3

Describe the main character.

Chapter 4

Describe Stanley's life for the next 18 months.

Chapter 5

Describe Mr. Pendanski.

Chapter 6

How does the judge think Camp Green Lake will improve Stanley's character?

Chapter 7

How was Stanley's situation similar to his great-great grandfather's situation with the pig?

Why did Elya think he was cursed?

Chapter 8

Why do you think the author is describing the yellow-spotted lizard in this chapter?

Chapter 9

Why was Stanley scared of the Caveman?

Chapter 10

Why did Stanley think the fossilized rock would give him the day off?

Chapter 11

Explain why Stanley was accepted at Camp Green Lake, but struggled with bullies at home?

Chapter 12

What does Mr Pendanski say you'll need to do to achieve your dream?

Chapter 13

How did Stanley earn one place in line?

Chapter 14

Describe the Warden.

Chapter 15

Why didn't Stanley tell the Warden they were digging in the wrong place?

Chapter 16

What did you learn about Zero in this chapter?

Chapter 17

How successful were the boys at uncovering anything else "interesting"?

Chapter 18

What did the author mean, "Stanley's heart hardened over the last several weeks?"

Chapter 19

When Stanley was riding in the truck, why was he surprised it felt good?

Chapter 20

What caused Mr. Sir to be in horrific pain when the Warden slapped him? She intentionally scraped him, so the venom from her fingernails went into open wounds on his face p.91

Chapter 21

Why was Stanley scared of Mr. Sir?

Chapter 22

Why did Stanley agree to teach Zero how to read?

Chapter 23

Describe Katherine Barlow.

Chapter 24

How did Mr. Sir punish Stanley in this chapter?

Chapter 25

What happened to Katherine and Onion Sam in this chapter?

Chapter 26

How did Katherine become an outlaw?

Chapter 27

Where did Zero get his nickname from? What's significant about Zero's last name?

Chapter 28

Summarize this chapter.

Chapter 29

How is Stanley connected to Katherine Barlow? What connection does Stanley see with his great grandfather and the fist that looked like a rock?

Chapter 30

Why did Zero run away from the camp?

Chapter 31

Why does the Warden want to destroy all of Zero's records?

Chapter 32

What did Stanley do in this chapter?

Chapter 33

Why was Stanley scared when he saw the family of yellow-spotted lizards in the hole?

Chapter 34

Who was taking shelter under the boat? Whose boat was named the Mary Lou?

Chapter 35

What is the sploosh Zero found and why are there 16 bottles? Chapter 36

Why was Zero's stomach hurting him?

Chapter 37

How did Stanley know they were getting close to water?

Chapter 38

What did Stanley find when he slipped?

Chapter 39

Whose fault is it that Stanley is at Camp Green Lake? Why did Stanley sing his family's song to Zero?

Chapter 40

Why was Stanley so amazed when he finally found the shovel and jars?

Chapter 41

Why did Zero get sent to Camp Green Lake?

Chapter 42

Why did Stanley want to dig another hole?

Chapter 43

How did Stanley feel as he and Zero got closer to camp? Why?

Chapter 44

What did Stanley and Zero find in this chapter and why couldn't they keep it?

Chapter 45

What did the Warden mean when she said, "it won't be long"?

Chapter 46

Why had the lawyer come looking for Stanley?

Chapter 47

Why do you think the suitcase had Stanley's name on it?

Chapter 48

How did Stanley's lawyer protect Stanley and Zero?

Chapter 49

Why didn't Stanley and Zero get bit by the yellow lizards? Why did Ms. Morengo leave the windows rolled down on the way home?

Chapter 50

Why did Hector (Zero) hire private investigators?