

# HOLES

: Keeping All the Characters Straight

## Adults at Camp Green Lake

Mr. Sir	the guard - wears a cowboy hat and eats sunflower seeds
	the counselor - almost bald, beard, sunburned nose, nicknamed Mom
Warden	

## Campers from Tent D

Lewis	Barf Bag	the boy who slept in the bed before Stanley, used to throw up
Rex	X-Ray	The leader, black, wears glasses
Alan	Squid	
José	Magnet	Steals, Mexican
Theodore		Has terrible body odor
Ricky	Zigzag	
	Zero	small, doesn't speak much, can't read
Stanley		Overweight, thinks he's unlucky because of his family curse

Match the following characters to their descriptions:

_____ 1. Kate Barlow	a. Owned a donkey; sold onions as a cure for everything
_____ 2. Linda Miller	b. schoolteacher-turned-outlaw who robbed Stanley's great-grandfather
_____ 3. Sam	c. Son of the richest family in Green Lake; his nickname comes from his foot odor
_____ 4. Charles Walker	d. Busybody who tells Kate that God will punish her
_____ 5. Elya Yelnats	e. Gave away a pig; cursed Stanley's family
_____ 6. Igor Barkov	f. Doesn't fulfill his promise to the gypsy; travels to America
_____ 7. Madame Zeroni	g. A pig farmer who wants to marry Morris's daughter
_____ 8. Myra Menke	h. The somewhat dim-witted woman Stanley's great-great-grandfather loved
_____ 9. Hattie Parker	i. Old donkey who supposedly ate nothing but onions
_____ 10. Mary Lou	j. Red-head who married for money, but stayed poor all her life

## Holes Chapters 1-6 Questions

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Vocabulary

Warden	governing officer of a prison
Descendants	heirs; offspring
Vast	spacious; of a very great area or extent
Perseverance	continued effort despite of difficulty
Barren	not fertile or productive
Desolate	empty; without inhabitants

### Comprehension

#### INFERENCE

To infer something (or, make an **infer**-ence) is to figure something out, or at least make a guess about something. For example, if someone bursts into tears and leaves the room, you could infer that something has upset them. You might even know what it is. A good inference is not a wild guess.

If you knew only the name, you might infer that a place called "Camp Green Lake" would have a lake, green plants, and lots of fun things to do. However, the first chapter gives you plenty of evidence to help you infer that Camp Green Lake is not a fun place. **Give one clue that shows you that Camp Green Lake is not a fun place.**

#### QUOTE ANALYSIS

Sometimes what a character says (and how he says it) is just as important as what happens. It can tell us what the person talking is like, and what has happened in the past or will happen in the future.

Example:

**Quote:** "If it makes you feel better to call me Mom, Theodore, go ahead and call me Mom."

**Characters:** Mr. Pendanski says this to Armpit.

**Paraphrase:** If you want to call me Mom, it's okay with me.

**What does it tell you?** Mr. Pendanski wants them to feel comfortable with him. He doesn't want to scare them.

#### YOUR TURN!

**Quote:** "Whenever you speak to me, you must call me by my name. Is that clear?" (p. 13)

**Characters:**

**Paraphrase:**

**What does it tell you about this character?**

## Comprehension

Camp Green Lake is -----.

- a) one of the largest lakes in Texas
- b) a big dry lake where rattlesnakes and scorpions live
- c) a cool, shady lake with shade trees surrounding it

Stanley Yelnats was given the choice to ----- .

- a) work at the community center for the entire summer or go to Camp Green Lake
- b) complete 60 hours of community service or go to jail
- c) go to jail or go to Camp Green Lake

The difference between Camp Fun and Games and Camp Green Lake was that ---.

- a) Camp Fun and Games was imagined and Camp Green Lake was real
- b) Camp Fun and Games had soccer and Camp Green Lake had swimming
- c) Camp Fun and Games had tents and at Camp Green Lake campers had cabins

How does Mrs. Bell embarrass Stanley?

- a) She points out to the class how tall and thin he is.
- b) She compares his weight to the weight of the lightest boy in the class.
- c) She makes him stay in from recess for forgetting an assignment.

Why did Mr. Sir eat so many sunflower seeds?

- a) Mr. Sir believed sunflower seeds were good for his health.
- b) Mr. Sir ate sunflower seeds in place of smoking.
- c) Sunflower seeds were given to Camp Green Lake by the government which made them plentiful.

Derrick Dunne is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) the real name of Mr. Sir.
- b) a bully at Staley's school.
- c) a camper in Tent C.

Why did Camp Green Lake have no guard towers or electric fences?

- a) Guns were used to shoot runaways.
- b) Mines were planted around the perimeter of the camp.
- c) There was no water for 100 miles and so running away would be suicide.

Which statement from Holes is an opinion?

- a) Stanley Yelnats was the only passenger on the bus, not counting the driver or the guard.
- b) When Stanley was younger he used to play with stuffed animals.
- c) Stanley was not a bad kid.
- d) Stanley's father was also named Stanley Yelnats.

Why did Louis Sachar most likely write the book Holes?

- a) to persuade readers to show interest in digging holes
- b) to entertain readers with a story about a boy struggling with hardship and confusion
- c) to compare different types of juvenile delinquent camps
- d) to inform readers about the dangers of yellow-spotted lizards

Where did Stanley get the pair of sneakers?

- a) Stanley stole them from a department store.
- b) The sneakers fell from the freeway overpass on his head.
- c) Stanley borrowed them from the homeless shelter.
- d) The sneakers were on sale at the mall.

Stanley thinks his family is cursed because \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) his great, great grandfather stole a pig from a one-legged gypsy
- b) his great grandfather captured Kissin' Kate Barlow
- c) his grandfather got rich in the stock market

Clyde "Sweet Feet" Livingston was a famous \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) baseball player
- b) golfer
- c) basketball player
- d) soccer player

## Holes Chapters 7-10 Questions

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Vocabulary

Scarcity	a shortage
Defective	not working; flawed
Despicable	dreadful, shameful
Coincidence	a twist of fate or accident where things happen in a remarkable way
Perimeter	the distance around the outside of a shape
Predatory	hunting; seeking to hurt or take from others

### Comprehension

Stanley's great-great-grandfather wanted \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) to buy a small pig farm
- b) to marry Myra
- c) to become a pig farmer
- d) to become a famous inventor

Madame Zeroni would help Elya in exchange for

- a) a trip up the mountain to drink from the spring
- b) a trip to America
- c) Elya singing to her each night
- d) being a companion to Madame Zeroni

Myra picked her husband by \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) tossing a lucky coin
- b) having the men chose a number between 1 and 10
- c) singing a magic riddle
- d) choosing the one she loved

When Elya was sailing across the Atlantic he remembered \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) his father's words about marriage
- b) the words to the song Madame Zeroni had taught him
- c) he left his watch with Myra
- d) his promise to carry Madame Zeroni up the mountain

After coming to America, Elya \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) was cursed with disasters
- b) was lucky finding a gold mine
- c) had 20 children
- d) was unhappy and wanted to return home

After digging their holes, each boy \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) spat into the hole
- b) had a difficult time climbing out
- c) shoveled out one extra scoop of dirt
- d) whistled a victory tune

X-Ray told Stanley \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) he'd feel better in the morning
- b) every day the digging became easier
- c) the second hole was more fun to dig
- d) the second hole was the hardest

Stanley's nickname became \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Caveman
- b) Lump
- c) Sweet Feet
- d) Barf Bag

Stanley found \_\_\_\_\_ in his hole.

- a) a silver coin
- b) a fossil of a fish
- c) a bead
- d) an arrowhead

Which sequence best describes the order of events in these chapters?

- 1) Elya left Latvia in a boat headed for America.
- 2) Elya spoke to Madame Zeroni about his love for Myra.
- 3) Myra couldn't decide between Igor or Elya.
- 4) Elya carried a pig up the mountain to the stream.
- 5) Madame Zeroni agreed to help Elya.

- a) 2, 5, 1, 4, 3
- b) 2, 5, 4, 1, 3
- c) 2, 5, 4, 3, 1
- d) 4, 3, 1, 5, 2

Which statement from Holes contains an opinion?

- a) Stanley walked to Zero's hole and watched him measure it with his shovel.
- b) Zero pulled himself up to the surface. He didn't even smile.
- c) Zigzag had to be the "weirdest dude" Stanley had ever seen.
- d) He had a long skinny neck, and a big round head and wild frizzy blond hair that stuck out in all directions.

If a student wants to find more information on fossils, where should she or he look?

- a) an atlas
- b) the dictionary
- c) a science textbook
- d) a thesaurus

A student is writing a research paper about the geography of Latvia. Which is the most appropriate research source for the student's paper?

- a) an encyclopedia entry about Latvia's location
- b) a magazine article about vacation spots in Latvia
- c) a newspaper article about current events in Latvia
- d) an almanac entry about the weather conditions in Latvia

Who is most likely the audience for this book?

- a) psychologists studying human behavior in juvenile delinquent camps
- b) meteorologists learning about draught conditions in Texas
- c) students wanting to be entertained with an exciting novel
- d) parents trying to learn how to keep their children out of trouble

# Holes Chapters 11-20 Questions

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Ch. 11-15 Vocabulary

Authority	the right to certain power or influence
Etched	engraved
Paranoid	excessively distrustful; concerned that everyone/everything is out to get you
Excavated	dug out

## Comprehension

Stanley wanted to work \_\_\_\_\_ when he was older.

- a) digging holes
- b) training animals
- c) for the F.B.I.
- d) as a doctor

X-Ray told Caveman if he found something he should \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) give it to X-Ray
- b) save it to the next day and get the whole day off
- c) show it to the boys in Tent D
- d) hide it from the staff

To pass the time digging Stanley day dreamed about \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) eating an ice cream sundae
- b) being at the beach with cool breezes
- c) Armpit or Squid fighting Derrick Dunne
- d) taking a long, hot, bubble bath

Stanley blamed his misfortunes on \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) his parents
- b) his teacher in school, Ms. P. Q. Snail
- c) his great-great-grandfather
- d) the police department

Stanley found \_\_\_\_\_ in the dirt.

- a) a pocket watch
- b) a key
- c) an engraved coin with the letters KB
- d) a gold tube

X-Ray was rewarded for finding the gold tube by a ride back to camp, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) a candy bar and a soda pop
- b) a double shower and clean clothes
- c) a double ice cream cone and 3 days rest

Why do you think X-Ray was so grumpy the morning after the "find"?

- a) X-Ray missed home.
- b) X-Ray was afraid the warden was listening.
- c) X-Ray didn't want to be a hero.
- d) X-Ray wanted to see his family and friends.

How did the Warden know all the boys' names?

- a) The Warden had hidden microphones and cameras in the tents, the Wreck Room, and the shower.
- b) The Warden had spies at Camp Green Lake that reported to her each evening.
- c) Mr. Pendanski told her all the nicknames he had learned during the counseling sessions.

The author, Louis Sachar, probably wrote Holes

- a) to persuade teenagers to obey the law
- b) to inform readers what life in a detention camp is like
- c) to entertain readers with an interesting story
- d) to help youth learn how to survive in a detention camp

## One thing was certain: They weren't just digging to "build character".

This passage implies \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) The boys were all innocent of the crimes they were charged with and didn't need character building.
- b) The boys were in need of character education as well as strength building.
- c) The Warden wanted the boys to dig to find a missing object, not for the good it was to their character.

## Chapters 16-20 Vocabulary

Evict	to remove, expel, kick out
Callused	hardened, having a tough layer of skin
Convicted	blamed, found guilty of
Toxic	poisonous, harmful
Writhed	squirmed, twisted

### Comprehension

Zero never \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) went to school
- b) played baseball in Little League
- c) heard of the little old lady who lived in a shoe
- d) went to counseling with Mr. Pendanski

Stanley got hurt when \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) he fell into the hole
- b) he was bitten by a rattlesnake
- c) Zigzag's shovel caught him in the side of the head
- d) he fell on his collar bone

Zero told Stanley \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) where the cameras were hidden
- b) that he didn't know how to read
- c) how to play a trick on the other boys
- d) where to find the hidden shovels

Stanley caught Squid \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) sneaking extra food
- b) playing a trick on X-Ray
- c) throwing up
- d) crying

Magnet stole \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Squid's watch
- b) Zigzag's canteen
- c) Mr. Sir's sunflower seeds
- d) X-Ray's book

\_\_\_\_\_ was caught by Mr. Sir with the burlap bag.

- a) Squid
- b) Magnet
- c) X-Ray
- d) Stanley

The Warden's secret ingredient in her nail polish was \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) rattlesnake venom
- b) peaches
- c) onions
- d) scorpion venom

Which statement from Holes is an opinion?

- a) As Stanley entered the Wreck Room, he could hear X-Ray's voice from all the way across the room.
- b) The only famous authors he could think of were Charles Dickens, William Shakespeare, and Mark Twain.
- c) By lunchtime the Warden was beginning to lose her patience.
- d) Mr. Sir reminded them that they weren't Girl Scouts.

Which statement from Holes contains a cause-effect relationship?

- a) Stanley spent more time pushing the wheelbarrow than digging, because he was such a slow digger.
- b) It felt good to walk in the shade of the two oak trees.
- c) He looked up from his hole to see the water truck and its trailing dust cloud.
- d) They continued to dig until late afternoon, long after all the other groups had finished for the day.

The conflict in Chapter 17 (While digging Zigzag knocks Stanley in the head with a shovel, cutting a gash near his ear. Zigzag makes Stanley dig out the dirt that had been on Stanley's shovel when he was hit.) can best be described as

- a) person vs. self.
- b) person vs. person.
- d) person vs. environment.

## Holes Chapters 21-25 Questions

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Vocabulary

Concoction	a potion or mixture
Grotesque	gross, monstrous, ugly
Preserve	to maintain (something) in its original state
Reconsider	reevaluate, rethink
Refuge	shelter, a place of safety
Remedy	a cure

### Comprehension

QUOTE ANALYSIS: "God will punish you!"

Who says it to whom?

Why is it said?

What does it **foreshadow**?

How did Stanley's great-grandfather survive in the desert?

- a) He lived off cactus juice.
- b) He carried plenty of water with him.
- c) He found refuge on God's thumb.
- d) He found a cave with supplies.

\_\_\_\_\_ dug Stanley's hole while he went to talk to the Warden about the sunflower seeds.

- a) Squid
- b) Magnet
- c) X-Ray
- d) Zero

Stanley began teaching Zero \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) how to read
- b) how to sing
- c) how to multiply
- d) how to dance

Zero had a talent for \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) reading
- b) math
- c) science
- d) geography

Stanley figures out the gold tube was really \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) a bullet casing
- b) the top to an ink pen
- c) a lipstick container
- d) a pipe fitting

Katherine Barlow made good \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) apple pie
- b) spiced peaches
- c) pickles
- d) pound cake

Trout Walker got his nickname because \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) he had a trout pond on his property
- b) he won the fishing competition
- c) his feet smelled like dead fish
- d) he cooked trout at his restaurant

Mr. Sir showed his upset feelings for Stanley by \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) dumping out his oatmeal
- b) putting him in the back of the line
- c) not filling his canteen
- d) calling him names

Mary Lou, the donkey, ate nothing but \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) clover
- b) onions
- c) oats
- d) barley

When someone got sick they went to see Doc Hawthorn and Sam. Sam gave them \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) onion concoctions
- b) magic potions
- c) apple cider
- d) herbal remedies

Sam fixed the leaky roof of the schoolhouse in exchange for \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) reading lessons
- b) money
- c) spiced peaches
- d) books

By the end of the first semester, Onion Sam \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) had turned the old run-down schoolhouse into a building the whole town was proud of
- b) had learned to read as well as any of the sixth grade students
- c) was able to keep the books for Mr. Walker at the general store

Which sequence best describes the order of events in Holes?

- 1) Sam fixed the leaky roof of the schoolhouse.**
- 2) Katherine told Sam her heart was breaking.**
- 3) Hattie Parker saw Katherine and Sam kiss.**
- 4) Sam fixed the windows, doors, then painted the schoolhouse.**

- a) 2, 4, 3, 1
- b) 3, 4, 2, 1
- c) 4, 3, 2, 1
- d) 1, 4, 2, 3

Which question does Chapters 21-25 answer?

- a) What happens to Katherine and Sam?
- b) What is the Warden looking for in the holes?
- c) What was the gold tube?
- d) Will Zero learn to read?

The conflict in this story is mostly the result of which event?

- a) The Warden is looking for something hidden in the desert that use to be Green Lake.
- b) Stanley Yelnats is under a curse.
- c) X-Ray is the leader of Camp D.
- d) Mr. Sir quit smoking cigarettes.

Which sentence best summarizes the Chapter 25?

- a) Sick people in town would see Dr. Hawthorne or Sam the onion man.
- b) Sam would fix things for Kate Barlow in exchange for her spiced peaches.
- c) Kate Barlow and Sam kiss in the rain.
- d) Sam, the onion man who lived at Green Lake before the draught, helped sick people with his onion cures and fixed up the schoolhouse for Kate Barlow who fell in love with him.

Read the analogy based on Holes.

Hammer is to tool as peach is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) food
- b) orchard
- c) tree
- d) pit

Read these sentences.

**Stanley finished digging his hole first, and that night he asked Zero why he had done it. Zero said it was because Stanley hadn't stolen the sunflower seeds or the sneakers. Stanley offered to teach Zero to read. He taught him the alphabet, then began the letters one at a time. He was amazed at how Zero could figure things out quickly. Zero offered to continue to dig some of Stanley's hole each day. Stanley realized that the object he found was a lipstick tube, with the same initials on it as Kate Barlow.**

Which sentence from the paragraph does not belong?

- a) Stanley finished digging his hole first, and that night he asked Zero why he had done it.
- b) Zero said it was because Stanley hadn't stolen the sunflower seeds or the sneakers.
- c) Stanley offered to teach Zero to read.
- d) Stanley realized that the object he found was a lipstick tube, with the same initials on it as Kate Barlow.

## Holes Chapters 26-30 Questions

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Vocabulary

Delirious	hallucinating, confused
Deprive	to take away
Drought	a shortage of water
Feeble	weak
Hazy	misty, foggy, unclear
Horizon	the line at which the earth's surface and the sky seem to meet
Rummage	look through, poke around in a bunch of stuff
Vile	evil, despicable, wicked

### Comprehension

What does Stanley infer about his canteen when Mr. Sir disappears with it? Why doesn't he drink from it?

What is Zero's real last name? Who else had that last name in Latvia? (see chapter 7)

What was the town people's reaction to Sam kissing Kate?

- a) The town people wanted to hang Sam.
- b) No one cared.
- c) The people in the town wanted to run Sam out of town.

Sam left the town by \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) donkey
- b) row boat
- c) foot
- d) wagon

What happened to Sam?

- a) The townspeople hung Sam.
- b) Sam escaped the angry mob.
- c) Sam was shot and killed.
- d) Sam left town with Kate.

Kate became \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) a feared outlaw
- b) a sheriff
- c) a doctor
- d) an onion grower

Stanley was afraid that Mr. Sir \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) wouldn't let Mr. Pendanski drive the water truck
- b) would take away his supper
- c) put something vile into his canteen
- d) would force him to dig an extra hole

Read the sentence.

**Hectors** last name was Zeroni, just like the **gypsys** last name.

Choose the correct punctuation for the underlined words.

- a) Hectors' . . . gypsys'
- b) Hectors' . . . gypsy's
- c) Hector's . . . gypsy's
- d) Hector's . . . gypsys'

After twenty years, Kate Barlow returned to Green Lake. When she returned she found \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) she really loved Trout Walker
- b) the lake had dried up
- c) the children still wanted her as a teacher
- d) Sam wasn't really dead

How did Kate Barlow die?

- a) She died in her sleep.
- b) Trout Walker shot her in the head.
- c) She was bitten by a lizard.
- d) Linda Miller hit her over the head with a shovel.

What was the connection between Kate Barlow and Stanley's great-grandfather?

- a) Kate Barlow was Stanley's great-grandfather's sister.
- b) Kate Barlow had married Stanley's great-grandfather.
- c) Kate Barlow had robbed Stanley's great-grandfather and left him stranded in the desert.
- d) Kate Barlow took Stanley's great-grandfather to jail after he tried to kidnap her.

During the lightning storm Stanley thought he saw \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) God's thumb
- b) clouds bringing rain to Camp Green Lake
- c) his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather's face
- d) a donkey

The boys from Tent D gave Stanley a hard time because \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Zero was digging part of his hole
- b) he was so smart
- c) he could dig faster than them
- d) Mr. Sir liked him the best

After Mr. Pendanski called Zero stupid, Zero \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) told him to go jump in a lake
- b) showed him he could read
- c) hit him with the shovel then ran away
- d) kicked him and called him an evil man

The Warden is most likely a descendant of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Madame Zeroni
- b) Stanley Yelnats
- c) Onion Sam
- d) Trout Walker

Which statement from *Holes* contains a cause-effect relationship?

- a) Have you just been digging Caveman's hole for nothing?
- b) I know you mean well, Stanley, but face it. Zero's too stupid to learn to read.
- c) Zigzag make a gagging sound.
- d) The collar ripped and Stanley fell backward onto the dirt.

Which statement is NOT true about the theme of *Holes*?

- a) Luck, destiny and fate determine what happens.
- b) Sometimes people are just in the wrong place at the wrong time.
- c) Cultural customs are important.
- d) Friendship and cooperation can make difficult times easier.

19. For her report, Sally needed to include at least one primary source. Which of Sally's sources is a primary source?

- a) an encyclopedia article about home remedies
- b) a Web site titled *Home Remedies and Natural Cures: Benefits of Health Care at Home*
- c) an interview with a physician who uses natural medicine
- d) a medical journal article about herbal treatments that have been successful throughout history

# Holes Chapters 31-40 Questions

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Ch. 31-35 Vocabulary

Ward	person under the care of a guardian
Deftly	skillfully
Accelerated	increased in speed
Systematic	in an orderly, methodical way
Mirage	optical illusion
Ventilation	circulation of air
Parched	dry

## Comprehension

After Zero ran away the Warden decided to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) destroy all his records
- b) go look for him
- c) create a search team
- d) call his mother

The new camper in Tent D was \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Spit
- b) Rowdy
- c) Twitch

Why wouldn't the water truck go when Stanley first tried?

- a) The engine was flooded.
- b) The keys weren't in the ignition.
- c) Stanley was pushing the brake instead of the gas.
- d) Stanley hadn't put the truck in gear.

What happened to Stanley as he was driving the truck?

- a) Stanley ran out of gas.
- b) Stanley had driven straight into a hole.
- c) Stanley hit the Warden's cabin.
- d) Stanley flew across the desert.

After the wreck, Stanley \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) was taken to the hospital
- b) ran away
- c) went to the Warden's cabin
- d) apologized to Mr. Sir

In the desert, Stanley found \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) a canteen
- b) a shovel
- c) an empty sack of sunflower seeds
- d) an orange jumpsuit

Stanley began to see \_\_\_\_\_ as he walked across the desert.

- a) clouds
- b) mirages
- c) footprints
- d) more and more holes, the frequency of the holes increased,

Stanley figured the sploosh was \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) really apple cider
- b) over 100 years old
- c) buried under the boat by the Warden
- d) poisonous

Based on the book *Holes*, one can conclude that sploosh is really \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Kate Barlow's spiced peaches
- b) Onion Sam's pickled onions
- c) Trout Walker's whiskey
- d) Linda Miller's apples

Which statement is NOT the **theme** of *Holes*?

- a) Fate - Stanley's great-great-grandfather was "cursed" because he did not carry Madame Zeroni up the mountain as he had promised.
- b) Friendship - Stanley forms a special friendship with Zero, whom he teaches to read.
- c) Hope - Stanley and Zero think they have found God's Thumb.
- d) Revenge - X-Ray and Armpit place a rattlesnake on Barf Bag's bed after Barf Bag told Mr. Sir they were taking extra food.

In Chapters 31-35 Stanley and Zero are in **conflict** with

- a) technology.
- b) the forces of nature.
- c) themselves.
- d) each other.

## Chapters 36-40 Vocabulary

Altitude	vertical distance above earth
Contritely	apologetically, with an understanding of one's guilt
Defy	to resist, challenge, or rebel against
Frail	physically weak
Increments	small or regular increases
Precipice	steep cliff
Protruding	sticking out
Tonic	a medicine that strengthens

## Comprehension

What saved Becca Tennyson when she almost died from eating spoiled meat? How did this story relate to Stanley and Zero? (Connecting parts of a story)

To keep Zero walking Stanley \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) asked him to spell words to keep his mind distracted
- b) sang the If Only song to him
- c) told Zero about his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather
- d) told jokes to make Zero laugh

Zero cut his hands \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) on the brambles on the cliff side
- b) on the broken jars in the burlap sack
- c) by holding onto the shovel while Stanley climbed up
- d) on a sharp rock as he climbed up the mountain

Stanley found \_\_\_\_\_ to eat.

- a) onions
- b) bird eggs
- c) nuts
- d) berries

Why did Stanley leave the shovel behind?

- a) The shovel was broken and no longer of any use.
- b) Stanley forgot to pick up the shovel, and it was too far back to turn around to get it.
- c) Stanley left the shovel so he would have two arms to carry Zero.

Which sequence best describes the order of events in Holes? (Sequence)

- 1) Stanley went down the mountain to get the shovel.**
  - 2) Zero cut deep gashes in his hands as he held on to the metal blade of the shovel.**
  - 3) Stanley and Zero ate an onion.**
  - 4) Zero and Stanley packed the unbroken jars in the burlap sack before leaving the Mary Lou.**
  - 5) Stanley spotted weeds and bugs.**
- a) 4, 2, 5, 3, 1
  - b) 4, 2, 3, 1, 5
  - c) 4, 2, 1, 5, 3
  - d) 2, 1, 4, 3, 5

Based on the story, it is likely that in the future \_\_\_\_\_ . (Predict)

- a) Zero will become stronger by eating onions
- b) the boys will go back to Camp Green Lake each year for a visit
- c) the boys will see Sam, the onion man
- d) the boys will become sick from drinking the poisonous water

# Holes Chapters 41-50 Questions

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapters 41-45 Vocabulary

Contaminate	to pollute
Fugitive	a runaway
Inexplicable	can't be explained
Raspy	hoarse
Distinctive	special, unique
Adjacent	adjoining, next to
Precarious	dangerous, unstable
Suppress	to hold back

## Comprehension

Zero didn't go to the homeless shelter very often because \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) he thought the beds weren't comfortable
- b) he didn't like the food they served
- c) he didn't want to become a ward of the state
- d) he didn't like sleeping inside

What did Zero do to get sent to Camp Green Lake?

- a) Zero was caught trying to break into the coffee shop.
- b) Zero tried to walk out of a shoe store with a new pair of sneakers.
- c) Zero stole food from the grocery store.
- d) Zero broke into a boat in the harbor to try to find a dry place to sleep.

After Zero and Stanley found the metal case, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) the Warden found the boys
- b) the boys opened the case and discovered gold
- c) the boys sat down to rest
- d) the boys tried to pry open the lock

After finding the suitcase Stanley discovered he \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) was too tired to open it
- b) was standing in a lizard nest
- c) couldn't get the lock open

Which sentence from Holes supports the conclusion that the Warden was after the chest the whole time?

- a) No one cares about Hector Zeroni.
- b) He forced the tip of the shovel between the dirt and the top of the metal case and tried to wedge it free.
- c) "Thank you," said the Warden. "You boys have been a big help."
- d) He dug with his hands until he found the leather handle, and then he pulled the suitcase up and out of the dirt.

Which statement from Holes is an opinion?

- a) It was heavy.
- b) A light was shining in his face.
- c) I'm going to try to dig a hole underneath it.
- d) The hole was wide enough for him to hold the shovel lengthwise and dig sideways into the wall.

Who is the speaker of this line from Holes?

**I'm good at sneaking in and out of places.**

- a) the Warden
- b) Stanley
- c) Mr. Sir
- d) Zero

Who is the speaker of these lines from Holes?

**I was never a Cub Scout. I wasn't good at social stuff like that. Kids made fun of me because I was fat.**

- a) Clyde "Sweet Feet" Livingston
- b) Stanley
- c) X-Ray
- d) Derrick Dunne

## Chapters 46-50

### Vocabulary

Authentic	real, genuine
Strenuous	exhausting
Rigid	unbending
Incarcerate	to imprison, put in jail
Frantic	anxious, uptight, hysterical
Exaggerated	to make something a big deal (make a mountain out of a mole hill)

### Comprehension

Why do you think Sachar called this novel Holes? How did digging holes help Stanley and Zero survive? How were the "holes" in Stanley's life filled after he went to Camp Green Lake?

The day before Stanley and Zero returned to camp, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) the campers rioted and didn't dig holes
- b) the wreck room burned
- c) Stanley's parents came to take him home
- d) a lawyer said that Stanley was innocent

The suitcase had the name \_\_\_\_\_ on it.

- a) Trout Walker
- b) Kate Barlow
- c) Pendanski
- d) Stanley Yelnats

Hector was released from Camp Green Lake because \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) no one could find his file
- b) he was found innocent
- c) he had served his time

Squid asked Stanley to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) help him escape
- b) give him part of what was in the suitcase
- c) call his mom for him

Why were Zero and Stanley NOT bitten by the lizards?

- a) The lizards weren't hungry.
- b) The lizards didn't like onion blood.
- c) The sploosh the boys drank acted like a repellent.
- d) Lizards don't eat during the heat of the day.

Camp Green Lake became \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) a wildlife refuge
- b) a Girl Scout camp
- c) a maximum security prison
- d) a resort with a water park

After Stanley and Hector were riding home, \_\_\_\_.

- a) Ms. Morengo gave them sandwiches and soda
- b) a drop of rain fell into the empty lake
- c) the BMW had a flat tire
- d) Hector told Stanley a joke about Mr. Sir

When Stanley carried Zero up the mountain, it broke his family's curse because \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Stanley was a good citizen
- b) Stanley was completing his great-great-grandfather's promise
- c) Stanley saved a person's life

The conflict in this story is mostly the result of which event?

- a) Hector was separated from his mother as a young child.
- b) The Warden was looking for a buried treasure somewhere in the desert where Green Lake used to be.
- c) Sweet Feet's shoes were stolen.
- d) Derrick Dunne was bullying Stanley.