

Tuck Everlasting

Pre-reading

If you had the chance to stay young forever would you take it? Make a list of advantages and disadvantages to staying young forever. (3-4 of each)

Advantages	Disadvantages

Prologue and Chapters 1-8

Vocabulary

Axis	a straight line around which something rotates
Contemplation	process of thinking something through
Disheartened	discouraged
Implore	to beg
Primly	daintily; stiffly
Recede	to move backward; to withdraw
Rueful	sad

Comprehension

Who owns the wood?

How do the Foster's house and yard reflect their personality?

It has been _____ years since Mae last visited Treegap.

What does Winnie's talking to a toad about running away tell us about Winnie?

What makes the "elf music" that Winnie's grandmother hears?

Which of the Tucks said the following? (What page did you find this quote on?)

_____ "I was having that dream again, the good one where we're all in heaven and never heard of Treegap." Page # _____

_____ "Heck, we was going to live forever. Can you picture what it felt like to find that out?" "Winnie – isn't it peculiar? And kind of wonderful?" Page # _____

Based on the quotes above, which character is happy about drinking from the spring? Which is unhappy about living forever?

What happened to Miles' wife and children?

If Miles could travel back in time, what do you think he would do differently? Why?

Why did the Tucks' cat die?

What mark did the Tucks leave on the tree next to the spring?

Chapters 9-20

Personification, simile, metaphor, or onomatopoeia?

_____ The weary old earth would have trembled...

_____ The house was so proud of itself that you wanted to make a lot of noise as you passed.

_____ Another few widely spaced notes *plinked*.

_____ They would bear her off like a sack of potatoes.

_____ Believing was her own true, promising friend once more.

Comprehension

Give two ways that the Tucks are different from the Fosters.

Who does Winnie seem to prefer: the Fosters or the Tucks? Give one quote from the story to support your opinion.

When Winnie goes fishing with Miles, she kills a mosquito but asks Miles to let the trout go free. What makes her reaction to the mosquito and trout different?

What trade does the man in the yellow suit offer to make with the Fosters?

Why does Mae finally hit the man in the yellow suit?

What does Winnie say when the constable accuses the Tucks of kidnapping?

Miles is reminded of his daughter, Anna, when he and Winnie _____.

- a. Dance
- b. Play ball
- c. Sing
- d. Go fishing

The man in the yellow suit first learns about the Tucks from his _____.

- a. Grandmother
- b. Constable
- c. Teacher
- d. Sister

Chapters 21-26

Comprehension

How does Winnie help save Mae Tuck? How does she make a difference in the world?

Why does Winnie feel guilty about the jail break? Find a quote that proves this.

Why does Jesse give Winnie a bottle of spring water? What does Winnie do with the spring water? What does her action **foreshadow**?

What is the theme of this novel? What do you think Natalie Babbitt is trying to teach her audience?