

The Watsons Go To Birmingham

Chapters 1-5

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

1. What was wrong in the Watsons' house?
2. Who stole Kenny's dinosaurs?
3. How did Byron make Kenny feel better about his lazy eye?
4. What story did Byron tell Kenny and Joetta about why their mother made them wear so many clothes in the winter? What did Byron do to get in so much trouble?
5. Why did Kenny think Rufus and Cody eating squirrels was so strange?
6. How did Mrs. Watson know that something was up?
7. How did Rufus figure out that Larry Dunn had stolen Kenny's gloves?
8. What did Rufus and Cody do that surprised Kenny so much?
9. Why didn't Kenny fit in at his school?
10. Why did Cody and Rufus stop taking Kenny's offer for lunch?
11. Where did Kenny hide his toys?
12. How did they finally get Byron's mouth off the car mirror?
13. What happened while Byron was cleaning the ice off the car?
14. What is so special about the children's gloves?
15. How long did Byron's promise not to play with matches last?
16. Who protected Byron from the Evil Snake Woman and the Flamethrower of Death?
17. How did Byron help Kenny get his gloves back?
18. Why did Kenny look at the new boy on the bus as his personal saver?
19. (True or False) Kenny's reading ability caused the teachers to think he was smart.
20. What did Byron's punishment end up being?

*****Extended Writing Activity** - Tell about a time that you made a friend angry even though you did not mean to.

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Chapters 6 -10

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

1. What is a bucket of bolts?
2. What did Mrs. Davidson give Joetta before they left?
3. What did Byron do next to get into trouble?
4. What does Mr. Watson do with his toothbrush?
5. What did Byron think they were doing?
6. What was the first clue that something was going to happen?
7. How did Kenny and Joette know that Byron had gotten smacked on the head because he peeked?
8. What was Kenny's favorite song?
9. Why could the Watsons see so many stars when they stopped in the mountains?
10. Why didn't the Ohio rest stop appeal to Kenny?
11. What did Byron do with some of his cookies?
12. Why didn't the family stop in Cincinnati?
13. Why were Kenny and Joette so surprised to see their father on the phone?
14. What did Mr. Watson do that upset all of Mrs. Watson's travel plans?
15. What does Kenny like to do with his father in the mornings?
16. What was Mr. Watson's surprise in the car?
17. What were the Watsons most worried about when sending Byron to live in Alabama?
18. What did Kenny relate the car to when they were back on the highway?
19. Why did Byron have to sleep on his parents' bedroom floor the night before they left for Alabama?
20. What was Mr. Watson's next surprise for the kids?

*****Extended Response** – Describe how Byron felt when he learned that he was getting sent to live with his grandmother in Alabama.

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Chapters 11 - 15

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

1. Who is Mr. Robert?
2. Who did Kenny see when he went into the church?
3. How did Byron handle finding Kenny behind the couch?
4. What did Wilona do first when they arrived at Grandma Sand's?
5. What did Kenny think about the sign down by the lake?
6. Why did the Watsons return to Flint so quickly?
7. Why was Mr. Watson listening to country music on the radio?
8. Who saved Kenny from drowning?
9. At the end of the book, where did Kenny believe the magic powers existed?
10. Why is Mr. Robert sad?
11. How do you know that Kenny is going to be all right?
12. Where was Kenny going when he disappeared?
13. What happened when Kenny went swimming at Collier's Landing?
14. Why did Kenny think he needed a good night's sleep?
15. How did Kenny know that Joetta was really alive?
16. Which animals survived the World-Famous Watson Pet Hospital the best?
17. What were the kids going to do to cool off?
18. According to Byron, Winnie the Pooh's evil twin was _____
19. What did Kenny find in the bombed church?
20. Why did Kenny think he needed a good night's sleep?

***** Extended Response** - Tell about a time that you didn't listen to your conscience. What happened?