

National Park Mystery Series: Mystery in Rocky Mountain National Park Book 1

Chapter 1 Questions:

1. How is the boy feeling? What text evidence helps you decide this?
2. What problem is the boy having?
3. What can you infer about how he is going to escape? What text evidence helps you come to this conclusion?
4. What do you predict will happen next?

Chapter 2 Questions:

1. What happened at school with Jake and his friends Alex and Gabe? Why?
2. Who is Nick? What happened to Nick?
3. What happened to Jake's grandpa?
4. What does Jake's father mean when he says, "The sloth I woke up has changed into a squirrel" on page 10?

Chapter 3 Questions:

1. What did Jake's grandpa hide for him to find?
2. Who planned the summer trip Jake and his family are on? Why?
3. What special activity did Jake's grandpa plan for the trip? How do you know?
4. Who does Jake's mom want to help Jake with the activity grandpa planned? How does Jake feel about this and why?
5. Where did Jake find the first clue his grandpa left for him in the scrapbook? What was the clue?
6. What was the second clue Jake found and where was it hidden?
7. Use one word to describe the kind of person Jake's grandpa was and why do you think that?
8. What other clue was found in the scrapbook? What did the next clue say?
9. What town did they drive through right before entering Rocky Mountain National Park? How did the town get its name?
10. What was Jake worried about after he saw the elevation sign? Why?
11. How was Jake feeling when he entered Rocky Mountain National Park? Why?

Chapter 4 Questions:

1. Why didn't the boy leave right after the men left to go looking for him?
2. Where did he go first after escaping?
3. Where did he go second after escaping?
4. What did the boy find?
5. What was the boy's dilemma? Why was it a dilemma?

6. What decision did the boy make about his dilemma? Why do you think he made that decision?

Chapter 5 Questions:

1. What happened that Jake got startled? How do you know Jake was startled?
2. Who did Jake meet in the meadow that startled him? How does he want this person to help him?
3. How was Jake feeling when his parents dropped him off at the visitor center? Why?
4. What advice did ranger Musgrave give Jake after she told him where the building he was looking for was? What was her reason for giving him this advice?
5. What did ranger Musgrave give Jake?
6. What did ranger Musgrave teach Jake about what she gave him?

Chapter 6 Questions:

1. What happened when Jake met Jasper?
2. Who was Jasper?
3. Where was the package sent from and by who?
4. What did Jasper say to Jake when he was leaving?
5. How did Jake think Jasper was acting and what did he do or say to make Jake think that?
6. What was the reason Jake hid in the woods before taking the package out of his backpack?
7. What was in the package?
8. What did Jake start thinking about the scavenger hunt his grandpa had planned for him?
9. What made Jake decide it was time to leave the woods and head back to camp?
10. What questions did Jake have about the note that came with the package?

Chapter 7 Questions:

1. What did the boy risk doing and why?
2. Why was it a risk?
3. What did the boy do to try and get the dogs off of his trail?
4. How did the boy escape the men looking for him again?
5. What is the boy planning on doing next?
6. What was the boy worried about that might happen?

Chapter 8 Questions:

1. Where did Jake hide the scrapbook and the wooden box?
2. Where did Jake find the next clue?
3. How was the clue written?
4. Who helped Jake figure out the clue and what was the clue?

5. Who did Wes think wrote the clue?

Chapter 9 Questions:

1. How long has it been since Jake saw the Catalina family?
2. What did the adults want to talk to the kids about?
3. What do the kids need to do before they take a hike without the adults?
4. How are the kids feeling about what the adults want them to do before they go on a hike alone?
5. How would you feel if you were the kids and why?
6. Why do you think the parents gave the kids this opportunity to adventure alone?
7. What do they have to include in their itinerary?
8. What are two things Uncle Brian gave the kids to take on their trips and why?
9. What are the three main reasons people die in the wilderness?
10. How did the kids figure out how long it would take to hike for their trip?
11. What is your prediction for Jake finding the next clue without telling the others about the scavenger hunt?

Chapter 10 Questions:

1. How did Abner Sprague know the boy would show up?
2. What is the boy worried will happen when he goes to the ranch?
3. What happens when the boy goes to the door of the cabin at the ranch?
4. What is the boy's full name and why?
5. Where did the boy come from?
6. How does the boy react to Mr. Sprague telling him he needs to return what he took from Dunraven?

Chapter 11 Questions:

1. What do you think the author meant by saying, "The view at Bear Lake took them by surprise" and what evidence from the text makes you think that?
2. What did the kids forget to do before going on a hike?
3. What were some signs that the weather was changing?
4. Why was it hard for the kids to hike faster?
5. What is Amber's suggestion if the weather gets worse? How does Jake react to her suggestion?
6. What almost gets in the way of Jake being able to look for the next clue at Emerald Lake?

Chapter 12 Questions:

1. Who found the next clue in the roots of a tree and what was it?

2. What problem do the kids encounter right after they find the next clue? How do they solve the problem?
3. What was the next life threatening problem that happened to Jake? How do they solve that problem?
4. What does uncle Brian say they should have done after he finds out what happened?
5. What would you have done in their situation and why?
6. What does the group decide they need to do to find out where the next place they need to go?
7. What do the three kids, Amber, Jake, and Wes realize they all have in common?

Chapter 13 Questions:

1. Do you think there's more to the scavenger hunt than just a game? Why or why not?
2. What type of books are the kids looking in at the library and why?
3. What did they find out about the Apache Fort, and where it is located?

Chapter 14 Questions:

1. Describe what Abe stole from Dunraven?
2. What does Abe do with the artifact?
3. How would you feel if you were Abe going to see Dunraven and Whyte with Abner and why?
4. What did Abner do with the artifact Dunraven was looking for?
5. What was the deal Abner and Dunraven agreed upon?
6. Why do you think Dunraven agreed to this deal?

Chapter 15 Questions:

1. What do they think the building they find is?
2. Where did they find the next clue at the Apache Fort?
3. What problems did they have with figuring out the clue and how did they solve the problems?
4. What was the clue they found at the Apache Fort?
5. What tools did they use to help them find where the next clue is located?
6. How are the kids planning on getting to the next location to find the next clue?

Chapter 16 Questions:

1. What did uncle Brian think about the kids biking down the mountain and how do you know this?
2. What did Jake find out about his grandpa? How does this relate to one of the clues?
3. How did the adults still allow the kids to be independent if they went to ride bikes down the mountain too?

4. Which one of the kids, Amber, Jake, or Wes is really good at riding bikes and how do you know they are good at it? Why are they good at it?
5. Why does Wes not notice the pile of moose droppings and steps in it?
6. How were Wes, Jake, and Amber able to look in the cabin that was locked?
7. What was something important that they found in the cabin and how does it relate to a past clue?
8. What else did they find in the cabin to help them, and how did they use it to help them?
9. Where is the next clue supposed to be located at?

Chapter 17 Questions:

1. Describe in your own words what type of person Hank March is according to how the men described him to Abe?
2. What is the purpose of Abe and Mr. Sprague going on the mountain together?
3. How does Burly feel about going up toward the top of the mountain?
4. What does Burly mean when he says, "Mountains ain't piles of rocks, Abe. They've got a life of their own, stirring up their own weather and shaking off anything that don't belong."
5. Why do you think Mr. Sprague picked Abe to go up the mountains with him?

Chapter 18 Questions:

1. Why did Amber, Jake, and Wes leave the cabin so fast without talking to the rangers again?
2. What are three things that slowed them down when biking down the mountain to meet their parents?
3. How late were they getting to the meeting spot and what did they tell their dads was the reason?
4. Why did Mr. Evans lay a blanket down on the backseat of the truck?
5. Why does Jake think they are not going to be allowed to go on adventures alone tomorrow?
6. What is the reason the adults give them for getting another chance to do an adventure alone?
7. How and why did they change their itinerary after they gave it to the adults to approve?
8. What did the parents ask them to add to their itinerary before they could go?

Chapter 19 Questions:

1. Why does Amber think a man nearby is strange?
2. How does Amber know Wes's lock combination?
3. Who does Jake compare Amber to and how?
4. What kind of a trail is a "social trail"?
5. What mistake did Wes and Jake make that the strange man might see them?
6. Make a prediction of what is going to happen on their twin owls adventure?

Chapter 20 Questions:

1. Using evidence from the book, how does Wes feel about bats?
2. What problem does Wes face in this chapter?
3. How does Wes fix his problem?
4. How did Wes remember the combination to his bike lock?
5. What did Wes, Jake, and Amber find at Twin Owls?

Chapter 21 Questions:

1. What was Abe's problem in this chapter and how did he solve it?
2. How are Wes and Abe's characters similar?
3. Why were Abe and Abner climbing to the top of the mountain?
4. What does Abner think will be a money maker someday?
5. What does Abe do when he reaches the peak before they climb back down?
6. Who do they run into on the way down the mountain and why is Abe excited to meet him?

Chapter 22 Questions:

1. Why do you think the author titled the chapter "Discovery"?
2. What does Wes tell Jake he needs to get and why do you think he tells him that?
3. Describe what they found in the metal box that they found at Twin Owls?

Chapter 23 Questions:

1. Why was Wes thanking Jake?
2. What is Wes referring to when he says, "But instead, you did exactly what your grandpa told you to do"?
3. What do Jake and Wes decide about the scavenger hunt?
4. What is in the envelope that Amber gives to Jake?

Chapter 24 Questions:

1. How does Hank March know that the arrowhead is made of silver?
2. Where did the silver arrowhead come from according to Hank March?
3. Why is Hank March concerned about all the people who know about the silver arrowhead?
4. What do you think is going to happen next with the silver arrowhead?

Questions for after the whole book is read?

1. How does the author organize the book?

2. Whose point of view is the story being told from?
3. Which character do you think you would want to be friends with and why?
4. How does Jake's character change from the beginning of the story to the end of the story?
5. Why do you think the author picked this setting for the story?
6. What is the genre of this book?
7. How are the two stories the author wrote in the book connected?
8. How do you know when the chapter you're reading is set in the past?