

PILLOW ACADEMY 2018 SUMMER READING

2018 Pillow Academy Summer Reading 5th English - 5th Grade

One Book

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor



Summer Reading Questions

The questions below are to guide the students through their summer reading book. Students are to answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper. Answers do not have to be written in complete sentences.

On Thursday, the first full day of school, students will turn in their questions for a completion grade and take a test on the book for a major grade.

Happy reading!

Chapter 1

1. Describe Marty's personality. What does he like and dislike?
2. How does Marty feel about animals?
3. How does the dog get his name?

Chapter 2

1. What does Marty want to put in his pocket for Shiloh?
2. Describe what Marty wants to be when he grows up? Why might this be hard for Marty?
3. How does Marty feel about taking Shiloh back? Prove your answer with evidence from the text.

Chapters 3-4

1. Do you think Marty will be able to buy Shiloh from Judd? What are some ways he could earn money to do this?
2. What is Marty's room like? How is it different from your room?
3. Marty says Judd needs a magazine about dogs to make him kind. What sort of things does Judd say about his dogs that proves he needs a lesson in kindness?
4. How do you think Judd would feel about the new game warden? Why do you feel this way?
5. What are the things Marty promises Shiloh?

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Chapter 5-6

1. In chapter five, Marty has three immediate problems- keeping Shiloh quiet, keeping him hidden, and keeping him fed. How does Marty solve these three problems?
2. Explain why Marty can finally get a good night's rest?
3. In chapter 6, Marty makes the comment that sometimes your whole life can turn into a lie. What type of lies has he told recently?

Chapters 7-8

1. Describe the differences between Marty's house and David's house.
2. Describe the differences between Marty's mother and David's mother. Why do you think Marty's mother can't do everything David's mother can?
3. What do people think about the Prestons when Marty asks for discounted food? What do people begin to do in chapter eight when they think the Prestons are having a hard time?
4. Who finds Shiloh and Marty?

Chapters 9-10

1. What makes Mom follow Marty?
2. What deal do Ma and Marty make about not telling Dad about Shiloh?
3. What is Marty's plan to keep Shiloh from going back to Judd?
4. What do you believe is this right thing to do- follow the law and return the dog, or save the dog from abuse?

Chapters 11-12

1. Why do you think Marty wants to be alone with his loneliness instead of playing with David?
2. How is Shiloh treated when he comes home from the doctor?
3. What makes Marty's bones turn to icicles? What does he mean when he says this?

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Chapters 13-15

1. What does Marty go to Judd's house to do? Why could this be bad for Marty's father?
2. Is the bargain that Marty and Judd make a fair one? What will each of them gain if they stick to the bargain?
3. Reread the last paragraph in the book. What does Marty mean when he says nothing is as simple as it seems?
4. What has Marty learned about himself and Judd at the end of the story?

Shiloh (This is the first book in the Shiloh series.)

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