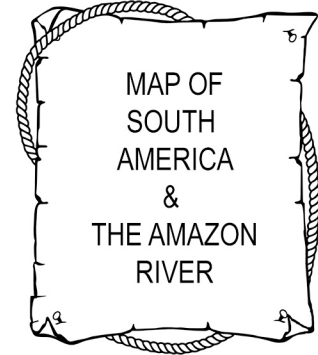


ESCAPED AMAZON RIVER PIRATES WORDSEARCH ACTIVITY



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JUNGLE
DEFORESTATION
GOLD
ANACONDA
RIVER
PIRANHA

Name: _____

I Escaped Amazon River Pirates Study Guide
SECTION 1
Comprehension

Chapter 1: Did Nick want to be onboard the cargo boat?

Chapter 2: Why was Nick glad to meet Tey?

Chapter 3: Why did Tey want to hide his stuff in the campervan?

Chapter 4: What did Nick's mother want to do to escape the pirates?

Chapter 5: What was Aidan's plan to escape the pirates?

Chapter 6: What did Nick and Aiden find in the campervan?

Chapter 7: What were the dangers of the Amazon River?

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Chapter 12: Why was Nick worried about having the gold amalgam in his backpack

Chapter 13: Why did Nick feel that Tey had betrayed him?

Chapter 14: Why was Nick glad to see the Amazon River again?

Chapter 15: Why did they run into the jungle?

Chapter 16: Why was Tey drowning?

Chapter 17: What were the people on the riverboat doing?

Chapter 18: Tey brings out his knife and demands his gold. How does Nick defuse the situation?

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SECTION 2
Comprehension

1. Who Am I? Characters:

- a. Nick
- b. Madison
- c. Tey
- d. Sarah
- e. Aidan
- f. Ronin Biri

_____ I was an Amazon Indian girl.

_____ I was the main character in the book.

_____ I was the bratty stepsister.

_____ I was Nick's mother

_____ I was Nick's stepfather.

_____ I was an Amazon Indian teenage boy.

2. Where does the story take place? (circle one)

- a. In Europe
- b. In Mexico
- c. In Peru

3. Why did Nick want to make friends with Tey? (circle one)

- a. He was lonely.
- b. He wanted Tey's gold.
- c. He wanted to go fishing with him.

4. Why did the pirates board the boat? (circle one)

- a. They wanted to kidnap Nick's family.
- b. They wanted the jewelry, electronics and fuel.
- c. They wanted to capture a cargo boat.

5. Why did Aiden take his family on the river on a surfboard? (circle one)

- a. He wanted to teach them to surf.
- b. He was fleeing the pirates.
- c. He didn't like the cargo boat.

6. Why did the illegal gold miners use mercury? (circle one)

- a. They were separating gold flakes from the clay and mud.
- b. Mercury improved the quality of the gold.
- c. They were trying to catch fish and birds.

**7. Why were there columns of thick smoke above the Amazon rainforest?
(circle one)**

- a. There was a storm coming.
- b. The trees were burning.
- c. Lightning caused a fire.

Name: _____

I Escaped Amazon River Pirates Study Guide Finding Information

Give three examples of dangerous animals in the Amazon rainforest.

Making Inferences – Use the examples from the text and your prior knowledge to help make an inference.

Text: The gunshot woke Nick.

I know: _____

I infer: _____

Text: "I want Daddy!" Madison screamed, making a bolt for the door.

Nick grabbed her and muffled her mouth. Madison bit him. Hard.

I know: _____

I infer: _____

Text: Nick winced. Why did Tey have raw gold? A lot too! Was Tey into something bad? He seemed like a nice guy.

I know: _____

I infer: _____

Text: "Mom!" Nick called. He looked back. Suddenly he couldn't see his mother.

"Where's mom?"

I know: _____

I infer: _____

Text: Uneasily, he noted the blanket of black smoke that had spread over the horizon.

I know: _____

I infer: _____

Visualization – Draw a picture in the box below of what you see in your mind as you read the following sentences.

1. Thrashing piranha leaped into the air. Jaws snapping, the caiman leaped after them.

2. He scanned the river and the shoreline. The water was metallic in the moonlight. Luminous. The trees lining the bank were dense with darkness .

3. Like his worst nightmare coming true, through the tangle of roots and palm fronds he saw it, the huge, black, catlike shape. The glow of yellow eyes.

4. The Indian girl was as tall as Nick, with dark slanting eyes. A black line of small triangles covered both her cheekbones.

5. Nick stared at the streamlined speedboats. On the prow of the leading boat, the jaguar face leered. Dread filled him. The pirates!

Synonyms - Write a synonym for highlighted word.

1. It would be their best hope of **surviving**. _____

2. With Madison **sprawled** on the front of the surfboard, Nick leaped on, a practiced jump. _____

3. Uneasily, he noted the place was quiet, **ghostly** quiet. _____

4. Madison looked **ruefully** at the inedible banana. _____

5 Madison **gulped**. "I don't want to go on the river. It's going too fast."

Cause and Effect

Cause: The rushing current swept them up.

Effect: _____

Cause: He shoved at the boulder with all his might

Effect: _____

Cause: The Indians seemed to have left in a hurry.

Effect: _____

Cause: Tey's hand closed around the handle of his knife.

Effect: _____

I Escaped Amazon River Pirates Study Guide Reading Comprehension and Discussion

1. Why was Nick on a cargo boat on the Amazon River?

1 (a) Name three good things and three bad things about traveling for a year in South America with your family?

2. What did Aidan fear the pirates would do?

2 (a) What would you be most afraid of?

3. Why did Tey want to hide his stuff in the campervan?

3 (a) Do you think it was okay to say he could hide stuff in the campervan?

4. What dangerous creatures were in the Amazon River?

4 (a) Do you think it was a good idea to go in the river?

5. What was the effect of the rain storm?

5 (a) What would you have done to escape the flooding water?

6. What dangerous animals were in the Amazon jungle?
6. Which animals do you think are the most dangerous?

7. Why were the Amazon Indians mining gold illegally?
7 (a) Do you think it was understandable that they wanted to make more money?

8. Why were the pirates coming after Tey?
8. Was it okay that Tey told the pirates that Nick had the gold?

9. How did Nick and Madison survive in the rainforest?
9 (a) What other things would you have done?

10. Did Nick like Madison more by the end of the story?
10 (a) Why do you think his opinion of her changed?

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By Ellie Crowe and Scott Peters

Study Guide Answer Key

Comprehension:

Chapter 1:

Did Nick want to be aboard the cargo boat?

Not that much, he missed his friends and he was unhappy about being stuck with his new family.

Chapter 2:

Why was Nick glad to meet Tey?

Tey seemed like an interesting friend who was close to Nick's age.

Chapter 3:

Why did Tey want to hide his stuff in the campervan?

He had raw gold and a rifle, and the campervan provided a secure spot.

Chapter 4:

What did Nick's mother want to do to escape the pirates?

Hide in the cabin.

Chapter 5:

What was Aidan's plan to escape the pirates?

Swim to the shore and hide.

Chapter 6:

What did Nick and Aiden find in the campervan?

An unfamiliar bag containing Tey's hidden raw gold and a rifle.

Chapter 7:

What were the dangers of the Amazon River?

Caiman, piranha, anaconda, electric eels, fast currents, pirates.

Chapter 8:

What did they take in the backpack?

Passports, cameras, phones, cash.

Chapter 9:

What was causing the trees to crash to the ground?

Waterlogged ground made the roots come loose.

Chapter 10:

Why were fish and birds dying at the gold mine?

Pollution from gold mining was poisoning them.

Chapter 11:

Why did Madison leave the gold mine and go into the rainforest?

She saw the monkey and went after it.

Chapter 12

Why was Nick worried about having the gold amalgam in his backpack?

Tey would think he had stolen it.

Chapter 13

Why did Nick feel that Tey had betrayed him?

Tey had lied and deceived him and put Nick and his family in danger.

Chapter 14:

Why was Nick glad to see the Amazon River again?

Because he was lost in jungle, and it would help him find his way.

Chapter 15:

Why did Nick and Madison run into the jungle?

To hide from the pirates

Chapter 16:

Why was Tey drowning?

He was tied to a pole in the water and couldn't get loose.

Chapter 17:

What were the people on the riverboat doing?

They were tourists on a boat trip.

Chapter 18:

Tey brings out his knife and demands his gold. How does Nick defuse the situation?

He arranges for the captain to drop Tey off at the village so he can find his gold

I Escaped Amazon River Pirates

SECTION 2

Comprehension

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Caiman

Jaguar

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I know: **A gunshot went off and woke Nick up.**

I infer: **Someone fired a gun so he might be in danger.**

Text: "I want Daddy!" Madison screamed, making a bolt for the door.

Nick grabbed her and muffled her mouth. Madison bit him. Hard.

I know: **Madison screamed, and Nick muffled her mouth**

I infer: **Nick wanted her to stay quiet**

Text: Nick winced. Why did Tey have raw gold? A lot too! Was Tey into something bad? He seemed like a nice guy.

I know: **Tey had raw gold**

I infer: **Tey was probably into something bad**

Text: "Mom!" Nick called. He looked back. Suddenly he couldn't see his mother. "Where's mom?"

I know: **Nick called for his mother but couldn't see her.**

I infer: **His mother had disappeared.**

Text: Uneasily, he noted the blanket of black smoke that had spread over the horizon.

I know: **Nick saw smoke**

I infer: **Something was burning**

Synonyms - Write a synonym for highlighted word.

1. It would be their best hope of **surviving**. Example **living**

2. With Madison **sprawled** on the front of the surfboard, Nick leaped on, a practiced jump. Example **stretched out**

3. Uneasily, he noted the place was quiet, **ghostly** quiet. Example **eerily**

4. Madison looked **ruefully** at the inedible banana. Example **mournfully**

5 Madison **gulped**. "I don't want to go on the river. It's going too fast."

Example **gasp**

Cause and Effect

Cause: The rushing current swept them up.

Effect: **They went sailing down the river**

Cause: He shoved at the boulder with all his might

Effect: **The boulder moved**

Cause: The Indians seemed to have left in a hurry.

Effect: **No Indians were there**

Cause: Tey's hand closed around the handle of his knife.

Effect: **Tey brandished his knife.**

READING COMPREHENSION AND DISCUSSION

I ESCAPED AMAZON RIVER PIRATES

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1 (a) Name three good things and three bad things about traveling for a year in South America with your family? Example **You got to visit new places. You missed your friends.**

2. What did Aidan fear the pirates would do? **He feared the pirates would kill him and his family**

2 (a) What would you be most afraid of?

3. Why did Tey want to hide his stuff in the campervan? **So the pirates didn't take it or see it.**

3 (a) Do you think it was okay to say he could hide stuff in the campervan?

4. What dangerous creatures were in the Amazon River? **Caiman, piranha, electric eels**

4 (a) Do you think it was a good idea to go in the river?

5. What was the effect of the rainstorm? **flooding**

5 (a) What would you have done to escape the flooding water?

6. What dangerous animals were in the Amazon jungle? **Anaconda, jaguar**

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8. Why were the pirates coming after Tey? **He had taken the gold.**

8. Was it okay that Tey told the pirates that Nick had the gold?

9. How did Nick and Madison survive in the rainforest? **They found shelter and food and helped each other.**

9 (a) What other things would you have done?

10. Did Nick like Madison more by the end of the story? **He respected her and valued her help.**

10 (a) Why do you think his opinion of her changed?