**Chapter 1 A Good Thing**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think they will plan a kidnapping.

2. He is throwing rocks at the kitten.

3. I think he is having fun.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(b)

B. Write the information in the right place.

**Bill Driscoll Ebenezer Dorset’s son**

-needed two thousand dollars -had a stingy, respectable father

-decided to go to Summit -had freckles and bright red hair

-stored provisions in a cave -threw a piece of brick

**Chapter 2 Red Chief**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think Red Chief is the boy.

2. They are having dinner.

3. I think they are not happy. The boy is difficult to handle.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(a)

B. Write T for True or F for False.

1. F

2. F

3. T

4. T

5. T

6. F

7. T

8. F

**Chapter 3 The Terror of the Land**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think he will continue to enjoy himself. He seems very mischievous.

2. He is trying to scalp the man.

3. Yes, they are. I see walls of rock in the illustration.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(c)

B. Put the information in the right place.

1. First, (d) 2. Next, (b)

3. After that, (c) 4. In the end, (a)

**Chapter 4 Revenge**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think he hurts them again somehow.

2. He is swinging a rock in a sling.

3. I think he is going to hit one of the men.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(c)

B. Put the information in the right place.

1. (d) 2. (f) 3. (b)

4. (a) 5. (e) 6. (c)

**Chapter 5 Asking for Ransom**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think they will ask for less than two thousand dollars. The boy is too much trouble.

2. The boy is riding Bill like a horse.

3. I don’t think Bill is having any fun at all.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(b)

B. Write the information in the right place.

We have your boy hidden in a place far from Summit. We demand fifteen hundred dollars for his return.

On the road to Poplar Cove, there are three large trees. At the fence post nearby, there will be a small box. Put your reply inside.

Once the money is recovered, your boy will be returned to you safe and well within three hours.

Two Desperate Men

**Chapter 6 The Further Breaking of Bill**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think Bill will be hurt again by the boy.

2. I think the boy is trying to sneak up on Bill and surprise him.

3. No, I don’t think Bill wants to play games with the boy. He doesn’t want to get hurt anymore.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(a)

B. Write the information in the right place.

**The boy Bill Sam**

(a) returned to his kidnappers (e) got kicked in the legs (b) explored the area

near the cave

(d) was sent home (f) gave the kid a weak smile (c) lit his pipe and sat   
 down

**Chapter 7 The Reply**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think the boy’s father will ask for a lower ransom.

2. Sam is hiding in the tree.

3. Yes, I think they are looking forward to getting rid of the boy.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(a)

B. Write the information in the right place.

Sam 🡪 hid in a tree waiting for the messenger to come 🡪 waited an hour, then got the note 🡪 read Dorset’s reply to Bill 🡪 decided to pay the ransom and make an escape

**Chapter 8 Running for the Border**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I don’t think they will get into trouble.

2. The boy is hanging on to Bill.

3. I don’t think Mr. Dorset is pleased. He does not want his troublesome son back so soon.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(b)

B. Match the characters and their descriptions.

1. Ebenezer Dorset • • a kidnapper; was tormented by the boy

2. Red Chief (Johnny) • • a kidnapper; planned the ransom

3. Bill • • a naughty boy; a rich man’s son

4. Sam • • a rich older man; got money for the return of

his son