

Maniac Magee

Chapters 1-5

1. What was Maniac's real name?
2. Who did Maniac live with? Why? What was life like there? How long did he live there?
3. Where did he go when he left Hollidaysburg? How long did it take to get there?
4. Who was the first person Maniac talked with? Describe the meeting.
5. Who live in the East End? Who lived in the West End?
6. Describe what happened at Finsterwald's house.

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Chapters 6-11

1. Describe dinner at the Pickwell home. How did the children know it was time for dinner?
How many family members ate there?
2. After dinner, Jeffrey ran somewhere. Where did he run? Why were the Pickwell kids surprised?
3. How did Jeffrey get the name “Maniac”?
4. Where did Jeffrey sleep?
5. What unthinkable thing did Maniac do when he met Mars Bar Thompson? Why was it so unthinkable?
6. What happened while Maniac was trying to find Amanda’s house?

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Chapters 12-16

1. How did Maniac end up staying with the Beale family?
2. Describe some of the changes in the Beale house when Maniac moved in.
3. What was Maniac's allergy?
4. What was Jeffrey afraid of losing and why?
5. How did the kids in the East End react to Maniac?
6. How was Maniac 'blind'?
7. What did Maniac think about his skin color?

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Chapters 17-21

1. What happened to Maniac while the children were playing in the hydrant water?
2. What was on the wall of the Beales' house a few days later? How did the family react? How did Maniac react?
3. Describe Cobble's Knot. Where was it? What was the prize for untying it?
4. Why did Amanda want Maniac to untie the knot? Did he untie it?
5. Describe the way Maniac walked out of town.

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Chapters 22-26

1. Where was Maniac living?
2. Who found Maniac there? Where did they go? What did they do?
3. Where did Maniac say he wanted to stay?
4. What did Grayson invite Maniac to do and what was his reply?
5. How did Maniac and Grayson begin spending their afternoons?
6. How as Maniac keeping up with school work?
7. Describe the funeral.

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Chapters 27-32

1. When did Maniac teach Grayson to read? What kind of books did he use?
2. What was the first book Grayson read? How did Maniac react?
3. How did Maniac and Grayson spend Thanksgiving?
4. What did they do at Christmas? Where was Grayson living?
5. What did Maniac do when he discovered Grayson was dead?
6. Describe the funeral.