

The Little Prince - 12th Grade Reading Comprehension Questions

Due: Monday, May 24th, 2021. *Remember to answer in complete sentences or points will be deducted.*

CHAPTER 1

1. Who is the narrator of The Little Prince?
2. What is the subject of the drawing in Chapter 1?
3. What did the adults think the child's drawing looked like?
4. What did the child ask the adults when he showed them the picture?
5. How many drawings did the child make?
6. The six-year-old child gave up being an artist and chose to become what?
7. In the first line of Chapter 1, the narrator mentions a book he once saw. What was the name of that book?
8. The pilot tells us that throughout his life, when he met a clear-sighted adult he would always show them what?
9. What does the narrator think of adults?
10. What should a person who flies planes study, according to the narrator?
11. How old was the narrator of this book when he gave up his magnificent painting career?
12. The pilot (as a child) drew an animal eating another animal. What was being eaten?

CHAPTER 2

1. Where does the plane crash happen?
2. The morning after the plane crash, when the narrator wakes up, who is standing there?
3. What is the pilot asked to draw by the little prince?
4. What is the first picture that the narrator actually draws for the little prince?
5. The pilot has to make quite a few drawings before the little prince is satisfied. What picture satisfies him?
6. When the plane crashes in Chapter 2, how many people are in it?
7. After the plane crash, what does the pilot do?
8. Who says, "Where I live everything is very small"?
9. Why does the pilot get so cross with the little prince in Chapter 2?
10. How far are the pilot and the little prince from civilization in Chapter 2?
11. How is a drawing of a sheep different from a drawing of a ram?
12. When the pilot and the little prince first meet, what time of day is it?

CHAPTER 3

1. When the little prince sees the airplane for the first time, what does he say?
2. How does the little prince reveal that he might be from another planet?
3. The pilot gives the little prince something that the little prince greatly treasures and which he keeps it in his pocket. What is it?
4. How many people were on the plane when it crashes?
5. What is the setting in which the pilot and the little prince meet?
6. Why is it hard to learn where the little prince came from?

7. Why does the little prince laugh at the notion of the airplane falling from the sky?
8. How small is the planet where the prince comes from, as described in Chapter 3?
9. In Chapter 3, what does the little prince like about the box that the pilot has drawn?
10. Why does the pilot decide not to draw his airplane in the book?
11. Why does the laughter of the little prince annoy the pilot so much?
12. The little prince is proud of his flower. What is the pilot proud of?

CHAPTER 4

1. How big is the little prince's planet, as described in chapter 4?
2. What name does a human scholar give the little prince's planet?
3. Who is the scholar that discovers the little prince's planet?
4. What does the discoverer of the little prince's planet do in order to be taken seriously?
5. According to the pilot in Chapter 4, what are grownups mostly interested in?
6. The pilot reveals that after he becomes friends with the little prince he starts doing something again. What is it?

CHAPTER 5

1. What is a Baobab?
2. What is the little prince's plan to safeguard his planet from baobabs?
3. There is one drawing in Chapter 5 that the pilot is very proud of. Which one is it?
4. Why does the little prince weed his planet every morning?
5. There are good and bad plants in the little prince's planet. What seeds are mentioned as good ones?
6. What was the soil of the little prince's planet infested with?

CHAPTER 6

1. What does the little prince love to watch?
2. How many times in one day does the sun set on the little prince's planet?
3. What does the little prince do so that he can see the maximum number of sunsets on his planet?
4. Why does the little prince think he can watch a sunset anytime?
5. What is the little prince feeling much of the time?
6. According to the author, what time is it in the United States when the sun is setting over France?

CHAPTER 7

1. In the desert, what is the pilot's primary worry?
2. What is the pilot working on that he thinks will help him get out of the desert?
3. Why does the little prince become enraged at the pilot in Chapter 7?
4. What does the little prince call the red-faced gentleman who is the businessman?
5. What does Antoine de Saint-Exupéry call The Land of Tears?
6. On the fifth day that the pilot and the little prince are together, the secret of the little prince's life is revealed. What is that secret?

CHAPTER 8

1. What time of day does the prince's beautiful flower first bloom?
2. What does the prince do for the flower?
3. How many thorns does the prince's unique flower have?
4. The prince's flower has a personality. She is...
5. What does the prince's flower have a horror of?
6. How many petals do the ordinary flowers on the prince's planet have?

CHAPTER 9

1. On his planet what does the little prince heat his breakfast on?
2. When he begins having problems with his flower, the prince makes a very big decision. What is it?
3. When the flower realizes the little prince is leaving, what does she ask for?
4. When the little prince leaves his planet, he says goodbye to the flower and goes to put her glass globe on. Why does she say that she doesn't need the protection anymore?
5. Why is the flower not afraid of large animals?
6. When the little prince leaves his planet, does he plan to ever return?

CHAPTER 10

1. How many asteroid planets does the little prince visit in total?
2. What does the king of the first asteroid planet the prince visits call the prince?
3. On the first asteroid planet he visits, why can't the prince sit down?
4. What does the king of the first asteroid planet the prince visits believe he rules over?
5. What does the little prince ask the king of the first asteroid planet the prince visits to do for him?
6. When the little prince decides to leave the king of the first asteroid planet the prince visits, what does the king do?

CHAPTER 11

1. What does the conceited man want?
2. What does the conceited man want to be admired as?
3. What does the conceited man ask the little prince to do?
4. How long is the little prince willing to applaud the conceited man?
5. What does the conceited man use his hat for?
6. How many people live on the conceited man's planet?

CHAPTER 12

1. What is the tippler doing?
2. What is the tippler surrounded by?
3. What is the tippler ashamed of?
4. What is another word that the translator might have used instead of tippler?
5. The visit to the planet of the tippler plunged the little prince into what?

CHAPTER 13

1. What is the businessman doing when the prince first comes across him?
2. What does the little prince point out to the businessman when he first meets him?
3. What does the businessman think he owns?
4. The little prince is not impressed with what the businessman owns. What reason does he give for his disdain?
5. What does the little prince tell the businessman he owns?
6. How many times in the 54 years the businessman has inhabited his planet has he been disturbed?

CHAPTER 14

1. What is unique about the fifth planet, the lamplighter's planet?
2. What is on the lamplighter's planet?
3. The lamplighter says a day on his planet is how long?
4. On the lamplighter's planet, how many strides does it take to circle the planet?
5. Of all the people the little prince meets on the asteroids, which one does he think he could be friends with?
6. What does the lamplighter love to do most, which he is never able to do?

CHAPTER 15

1. How would the geographer best be described?
2. What does the little prince think is so odd about the geographer?
3. Why does the geographer think someone who drinks too much is not a reliable source?
4. Why does the geographer refuse to record the little prince's flower?
5. How does the geographer define ephemeral?
6. Where does the geographer advise the little prince to visit next?

CHAPTER 16

1. How many people, approximately, does the narrator say live on the earth?
2. What is the army of lamplighters on earth compared to?
3. Which does the narrator say there are more of on earth, geographers or conceited men?
4. How many kings are on earth, according to the pilot?
5. There would be two lamplighters who would be able to rest for most of the year. Where do they live?
6. What word is used to describe the great pageant of the lamplighters around the world, taking

CHAPTER 17

1. If all humanity were to stand upright and crowd together how much space would they take up, according to Chapter XVII?
2. When the little prince arrives on the earth, why doesn't he see ant people?
3. What is the first creature the little prince meets on earth?
4. How does the little prince feel when he first arrives on the earth?

5. What does the first creature the prince meets on earth say he is more powerful than?
6. What does the first creature the prince meets on earth offer the little prince?

CHAPTER 18

1. After arriving on the earth and meeting his first earth creature, what does the little prince do?
2. Describe the flower which the little prince meets in the desert.
3. What does the flower in the desert know of men?
4. How many men does the flower think there are on earth?
5. Why does the flower in the desert think men are hard to find?
6. How many flowers does the little prince meet in the desert?

CHAPTER 19

1. When he emerges from the desert, where does the little prince go?
2. On his own planet, what does the little prince use the extinct volcano for?
3. When the little prince is up on the high peak in Chapter XIX, who does he speak with?
4. What does the little prince hope to see from the high peak in Chapter XIX?
5. From his perch on the mountain, what does the little prince think of the world?
6. On the little prince's planet, who would speak first, himself or his flower?

CHAPTER 20

1. The little prince walks through sand, rock and snow and at last comes to a road. Where does the road lead them?
2. The little prince discovers a rose garden. What is it about this rose garden that makes him so sad?
3. How many roses are in the garden that the little prince discovers?
4. In the rose garden, the little prince has to face a difficult fact about himself. What is it?
5. What do the flowers in the rose garden remind him of?
6. In the rose garden, when the little prince realizes the truth of his life and of the things he loves, what does he do?

CHAPTER 21

1. Where does the little prince find the fox?
2. The little prince wants the fox to play with him. What does the fox say?
3. What does the little prince tell the fox he is looking for?
4. How does the fox define the word "tame"?
5. Why is the fox so interested in the little prince's planet?
6. Why does the fox want to be tamed?

CHAPTER 22

1. What is the job of the railway switchman?
2. What does the railway switchmen think of children?
3. According to the switchman, what are the adults in the trains pursuing?

4. When the little prince watches the trains, he remembers something the fox said. What does he remember?
5. What do the children on the trains waste their time over?
6. How does the author use light imagery in the chapter about trains?

CHAPTER 23

1. How many thirst-quenching pills would one need in order to feel full of liquid, according to Chapter XXIII?
2. What is the selling point which the pill merchant offers the little prince?
3. How much time per week can a person save by taking the thirst quenching pills?
4. Who does the allegorical character of the pill merchant represent?
5. The imagery of water is used in *The Little Prince* to represent the life-giving force, whether it is physical or spiritual. What then does this thirst-quenching pill represent?
6. Is the little prince interested in buying the pills?

CHAPTER 24

1. How many days have the pilot and little prince been together when the pilot drinks the last of his water supply?
2. Who is dying of thirst in the desert?
3. What does the little prince decide that they should look for to quench their thirst in Chapter XXIV?
4. Night falls and the pilot and little prince are walking in the dark. What do they think of the desert in the moonlight?
5. What does the little prince believe that the desert hides?
6. What moves the pilot so much about the little prince whom he carries in his arms across the dark desert?

CHAPTER 25

1. At what time of day does the pilot find the well?
2. Why does the pilot think he is dreaming when he finds the well?
3. What sound does the well in the desert make?
4. Who hoists the bucket up from the bottom of the well to the surface?
5. Who drinks from the well first?
6. What is the final drawing which the little prince requests from the pilot?

CHAPTER 26

1. What structure is near the well?
2. Where must the snake bite the little prince?
3. What does the little prince ask about the poison which the snake has within it?
4. When the pilot sees the snake in Chapter XXVI, what does he do?
5. What color is the muffler which the little prince wears around his neck?
6. What does the little prince know about the pilot's engine in Chapter XXVI?

CHAPTER 27

1. How many years have gone by before the pilot tells his story?
2. What does the pilot regret most about his drawing of the sheep's muzzle?
3. Does the pilot wonder about the little prince and the flower and the sheep?
4. What is the moral of The Little Prince?
5. Does the pilot ever find his way out of the desert?
6. If one is ever in the African desert and sees a little man with golden hair, what should one do?