

ENGLISH IIC

Edgar Allan Comprehension Questions

Chapters 1-6

1. Match the following characters:

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| a. Edgar Allan | _____ | likes to teach |
| b. Stephen Paul | _____ | oldest child in the family |
| c. Sally Ann | _____ | being adopted by the Fickett's |
| d. Mary Nell | _____ | a minister |
| e. Robert Fickett | _____ | the youngest son |

True or False

2. _____ Michael is 18 years old.
3. _____ The children were named based on the time of day they were born.
4. _____ Michael has few friends and outside social activities.
5. _____ Michael stole stuff from the stationary store to be cool with his friends.
6. _____ Edgar Allan was three years old when he arrived at the Fickett's.
7. _____ Edgar Allan's adoption would take a year to complete.
8. _____ Edgar Allan didn't speak much when he first arrived.

Short Answer

9. Who is telling the story? Describe his/her personality
10. Do you think that Mr. and Mrs. Fickett knew all about Edgar Allan before he arrived? Why or why not?
11. Describe Mary Nell's actions and feelings about Edgar Allan's arrival.

12. Why was Mary Nell so upset with her parents and do you agree or disagree with her?
13. Describe how Sally Ann and Stephen Paul got along with Edgar Allan.
14. Look up the word integrity in the dictionary and write its definition.

What do you think Mrs. Fickett meant at the end of chapter 5 when she told Mary Nell that by keeping Edgar Allan in the family, Mary Nell would receive the gift of “integrity.”

15. Chapter 6 tells about the town in which the Ficketts live. Describe their town, telling, the size, the location and about the type of people who live there.

Chapters 7-12

16. Why did Michael feel that Edgar Allan was smart?
17. Describe Edgar Allan’s personality.
18. How did Mary Nell and her friends treat Edgar Allan? What do you think of their actions? Give examples.

True or False

19. ____ Mr. Fickett worked hard to convince MN to like Edgar Allan.
20. ____ Michael took up the sport of hockey the summer after his 6th-grade year.
21. ____ Michael’s favorite subject was English History.
22. ____ Mr. Fickett really liked Winnie the Pooh.
23. ____ Mr. Fickett gave a special sermon at church in Chapter 9.

24. _____ Mr. Fickett got angry when, in chapter 9, parents called to say that they were taking their children out of the church school.
25. _____ Edgar Allan seemed happy to be with the Ficketts.
26. _____ The men who visited Mr. Fickett in Chapter 11 liked Edgar Allan living there.

Short answer

24. What do you think the four ladies from the church who stopped by the Fickett's for coffee in Chapter 9 were really thinking about Edgar Allan? Why?
25. Why did things begin to change at the Fickett's when school started? Describe two of the changes.
26. Who is Tommy Ditford and what did he do to Michael?
27. What affect did Tommy's actions have on Michael? What do you think of the way Michael reacted to Tommy?
28. Who was Thomas More and what did he do that Michael so respected?
29. In Chapter 11, were Mr. and Mrs. Fickett in agreement over what they should do about Edgar Allan? Give one example to support your answer.
30. How did Mr. Fickett respond on the Sunday following the visit by the men from the church? What do you think of his actions?

Chapters 13-19

31. What did the Ficketts discover in their yard on the Monday morning following Sunday's sermon?

32. What had happened to Mrs. Fickett at the grocery store?

33. What did Mary Nell say she would do if Edgar Allan stayed with the Ficketts? What do you think of her actions?

34. What did Michael decide to do about Mary Nell after the family meeting in Chapter 12?

35. In Chapter 12 Michael talks about why he wanted to write Edgar Allan's story. What reasons did Michael give for wanting to do that? How did Michael say he would begin the story?

36. How did the parents first explain Edgar Allan's disappearance? Do you think it was right for them to lie to the children? Why or why not?

37. From Michael's view, why was Edgar Allan really sent back to the orphanage?

38. Did Mary Nell ever really want Edgar Allan sent away? How do you know?

39. How was Mrs. Fickett feeling about Edgar Allan's leaving? Be specific and give details about all of her feelings.

40. Who was Joe Ryder, and why do you think he really wanted to talk to the children? Do you think he was right in telling Stephen Paul and Sally Ann about how Edgar Allan left?

Chapters 20-26

41. What was Sally Ann's fear after she learned the truth about Edgar Allan's leaving?
42. What did Sally Ann and Stephan Paul decide to do once they learned the truth about Edgar Allan? Why?
43. How did Michael feel about his father? Give examples to describe his feelings.
44. What did Joe Ryder say about Edgar Allan, the Ficketts and their town in his newspaper article? Who did he blame for Edgar Allan being sent away and what was his main concern in the situation?
45. What did Michael's mother tell him to do about his father? Do you think that was good advice? Why or why not?
46. How did the church board feel about the Ficketts giving Edgar Allan back? How do you know?
47. What happened to Edgar Allan after he left the Ficketts?
48. What was Mr. Fickett's plan for the family after they left town?
49. Do you think the Fickett Family should have given Edgar Allan away? Why or why not?