

ENGLISH IIIA

The Witch of Blackbird Pond
Comprehension Questions

Chapters 1-6

1. What were Kit's first feelings about America?
2. How old is Kit?
 - a. 13
 - b. 16
 - c. 14
 - d. 18
3. Everyone on the boat was very glad Kit rescued the doll.
 - a. True
 - b. False
4. Kit is going to Wethersfield to _____.
 - a. live with her aunt
 - b. attend a funeral
 - c. go to college
 - d. see her grandfather
5. According to Nat, how do you know if someone is a witch?
6. How many days did it take for the Dolphin to sail from Saybrook to Wethersfield?
7. How would you describe Kit's mood while she was on the Dolphin?
8. To John, what was the "proper use of reading"?
9. Kit was very impressed with Wethersfield?
 - a. True
 - b. False
10. Who did Kit think opened the door at her aunt's house?
 - a. a servant
 - b. her grandma
 - c. her Aunt Rachel
 - d. her cousin
11. Kit's cousin's names are _____ and _____.
12. What can you understand about Rachel's family by the statement: "Seven trunks! The whole town will be talking about it before nightfall"?

13. The people of New England are very religious.
14. Give two examples why Matthew Wood was mad when he came home early.
15. What was the secret Kit told Mercy?
16. Judith was impressed with Kit's hard work.
 - a. True
 - b. False
17. Did Kit attend church regularly in Barbados?
18. How did Kit describe the "Puritan service"?
 - a. uplifting and informative
 - b. plain and unlovely
 - c. spiritual and new
 - d. exciting and refreshing
19. Why did Reverend Bulkeley come to Matthew Wood's house again?
20. Why was Judith jealous of Kit? Give two examples.

Chapters 7-11

21. Why does Kit begin to respect William?
22. Why did Kit begin to like being courted by William?
23. _____ is the only one who "would live there by Blackbird Pond."
24. Kit was chosen by Dr. Bulkeley to
 - a. pick onions
 - b. write his sermons
 - c. help Mercy teach
 - d. none of the above
25. Why was Matthew pleased that Kit would begin teaching?
26. Matthew and Rachel had two sons that died.
 - a. True
 - b. False
27. Kit admired Mercy's _____.
28. Kit used _____ to capture the student's attention.
29. Kit did not enjoy telling the students a story but did it only to please Mercy.
 - a. True
 - b. False

30. Explain how Mr. Eleazer, Kimberley, and Reverend John Woodbridge reacted to Kit's idea of play acting.
31. The _____ helped Kit clear her mind and find some peace.
32. Hannah gave Kit some advice on how to deal with her problems. In your own words, describe what Hannah meant.
33. Hannah is a _____ and doesn't believe in the _____.
34. Why were Hannah and her husband branded?
35. How did Kit feel when she was in Hannah's cabin?
 - a. angry
 - b. confused
 - c. lonely
 - d. peaceful
36. Why did Hannah have to pay fines?
 - a. for not going to Meetings
 - b. for talking to Kit
 - c. for spinning thread
 - d. none of above
37. Who showed up at Hannah's cabin while Kit was there?
 - a. William Ashby
 - b. Nathaniel Eaton
 - c. John Holbrook
 - d. Aunt Rachel
38. How did Hannah find both Kit and Nat?
39. Why wouldn't Prudence's mother let Prudence come to school?
40. Why do you think Kit called Prudence "another rebel"?

Chapters 12-17

41. Aunt Rachel approves of Kit visiting Hannah.
 - a. True
 - b. False
42. Why did Kit close her hands to hide her calluses from Nat?

43. When Nat says, "They've done their best to make you into a sparrow," what does he mean?
- Kit is now a bird lover.
 - Kit has learned to fly.
 - Kit has changed to fit in this society.
 - None of the above.
44. Why are people in New England against King James?
45. Kit obeyed her uncle and never visited Hannah again.
- True
 - False
46. John had been coming to see _____ and not _____.
47. Why didn't John or Kit say anything to make the family know that it was Mercy he wanted?
48. Nat gave Kit a package of _____ to take to Hannah.
49. _____ is going to take over as royal governor in Connecticut.
50. Why did William change to Uncle Mathew's way of thinking?
51. Who did Kit think took the charter?
- William
 - the spirits
 - Aunt Rachel
 - Nat
52. How did the charter disappear?
53. Mathew enjoys celebrating All Saints Day.
- True
 - False
54. According to the posted notice, Nat and the other two men from the Dolphin were in the stocks because they _____ and _____.
55. Who was the one person Kit wanted to talk to about Nat's situation?
- Mercy
 - Aunt Rachel
 - Hannah
 - Judith
56. Prudence did not want to come to Hannah's anymore because she thought she would get into trouble.
- True
 - False

57. John was leaving because _____.
- a. he enlisted in the militia.
 - b. he could not agree with Dr. Bulkeley anymore.
 - c. he was becoming a doctor for the troops.
 - d. all of the above.
58. Why didn't Matthew want Dr. Bulkeley to help Mercy?
59. What was the mood of the mob that came to Kit's home?
- a. angry
 - b. accusatory
 - c. irate
 - d. all of the above

Chapters 18-21

60. Who or what was Hannah's savior?
61. Explain how Goodwife Cruft thought Hannah escaped.
62. What possession of Kit's did they find in Hannah's cabin?
- a. her old dress
 - b. her purse
 - c. her Bible
 - d. her hornbook
63. Kit was arrested for witchcraft?
- a. True b. False
64. _____ came to visit Kit while she was locked up in the shed.
65. The _____ and _____ examined Kit to see if she is guilty of witchcraft.
66. Aunt Rachel jumped up to defend Kit while Kit was being questioned.
- a. True b. False
67. Who did Nat bring into the Town House?
68. Goodwife Cruft was very proud when she discovered Prudence could read.
- a. True b. False
69. Kit decided not to press charges against _____.
70. Why did Kit and William decide not to get married?

71. Kit attended _____ wedding.
72. Who did the Indians take captive?
a. Dr. Bulkeley
b. John Holbrook
c. Hannah
d. William
73. The winter made Kit very homesick. a. True b. False
74. Mercy and _____ became engaged.
a. William
b. Nat
c. John
d. none of the above
75. What kind of job did Kit expect to get when she returned to Barbados?
76. What did Kit realize as she sat in the meadow?
77. Nat named his boat _____.
78. Do you feel Kit and Nat were made for each other? Why or why not?