

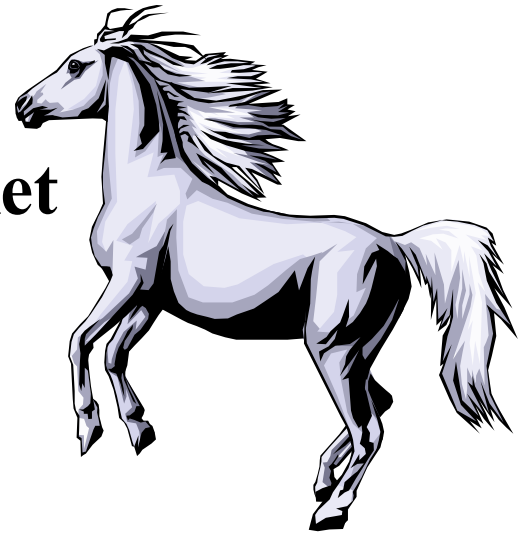


The Riddle Of Penncroft Farm

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Literature Packet



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Discussion Questions For The Riddle of Penncroft Farm

Questions for Chapters 1-6

1. If you had been the character, Lars, how would you have handled the situation when Aunt Cass died?
2. What is the value or importance of Geordie telling Lars about the war? Why do you think Geordie wants to be called a shade?
3. Why do you think that Geordie wanted to be called a shade, instead of a ghost?
4. Why did Lars not want to be friends with Pat?
5. In your opinion, do you think that Lars should have treated Pat as he did?
6. How would you have reacted to Aunt Cass's death?
7. In your opinion, why do you think Lars didn't react to Aunt Cass's death quickly?
8. Why did Aunt Cass like to bamboozle Lars?
9. Does Lars miss his brother? Why or why not?
10. Why didn't Lars let Pat be a friend with him?

Questions for 6-10

1. How do you think Lars kept a positive way of thinking and that he would find the new will?
2. Why didn't Lars think of the barn as the secret hiding place?
3. Pretend that you are Lars when he had scarlet fever, what kind of pains would you go through?
4. Why does Lars like Geordie?
5. Do you think that Will will recover from his wound?

Questions for Chapters 10-15

1. How did Geordie change from the beginning to the ending in the stories he told?
2. What details support the conclusion that Sandy is not a boy?
3. Why do you think that Sandy lied about being a boy?
4. What character do you think changed the most in the story?
5. Why was Eddie proud of his ancestors?
6. Why do you think that the author wrote this book?
7. What do you think the main theme is of this book?

End-of-Book Writing Activities

1. Write would've happened if Geordie didn't help Lars find the new will.
2. If you were Lars, where would you first look for the will?
Then explain why you would look there.
3. If you were Geordie would you have told him where the will was right when he met Lars or would you have just wait like he did in the story? Why or why not?

The Riddle of Penncroft Farm Sequence Activity

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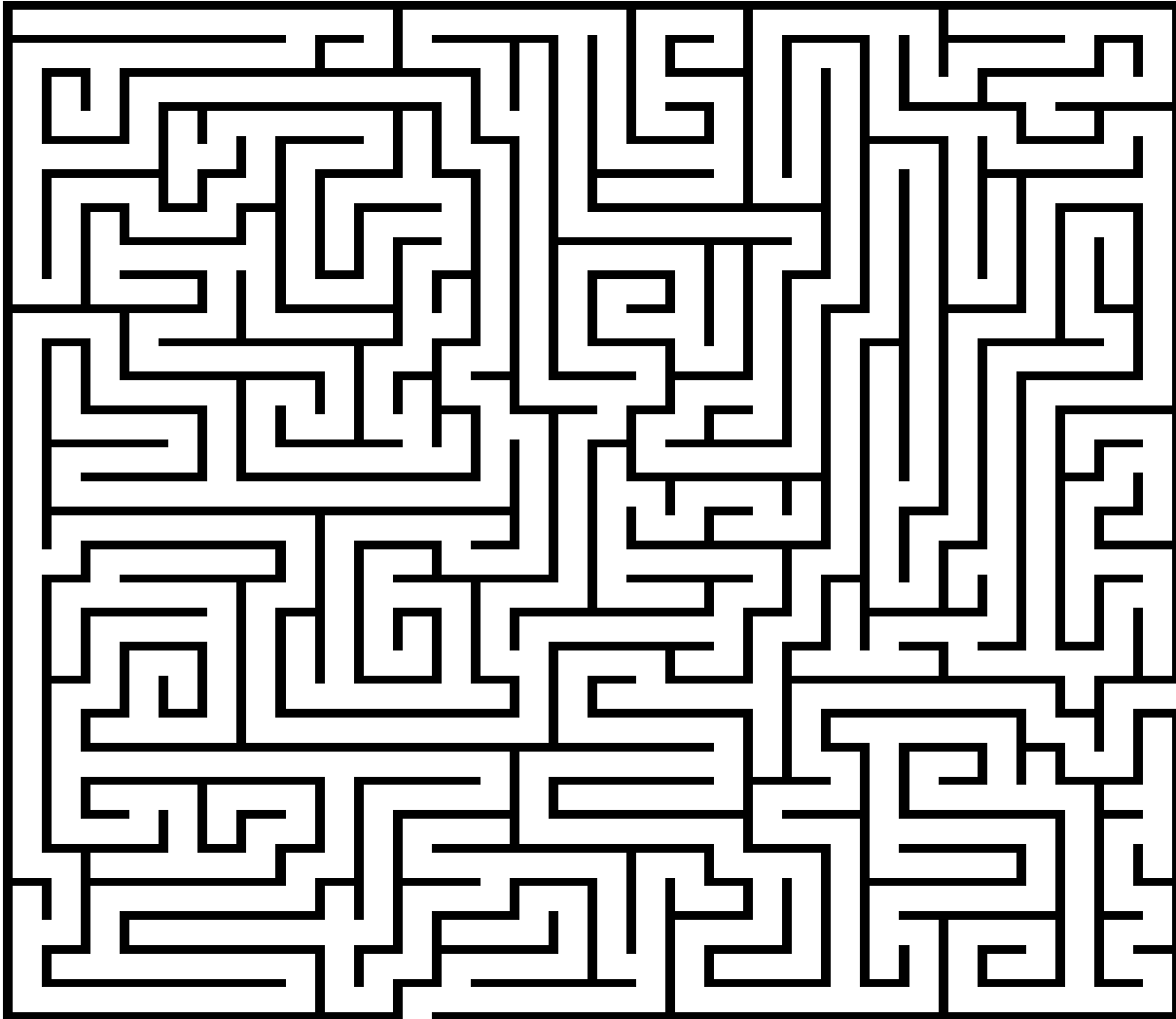
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