

Chapters Eleven- Fifteen

Comprehension Check

Directions: To help you understand all parts of the novel, answer the following questions for Chapters 11-15. Write your answers on a separate piece of paper using complete sentences.

Chapter 11

1. Tell how Maniac Magee reacts when Amanda's book is torn.
2. Predict what would have happened between Maniac and Mars Bar if Amanda hadn't intervened.
3. Examine why Mars Bar's friends make fun of him.

Chapter 12

4. Analyze why Mrs. Beale immediately likes Maniac.
5. Generalize why Maniac enjoys the Beales' mundane family activities so much.
6. Explain the mistake that Maniac makes when Mr. Beale drives him home.
7. Conclude why Maniac tells the Beales his secret.
8. What two things does Maniac truly want?

Chapter 13

9. Compare and contrast the Beales to the Pickwells.
10. Show how Maniac helps the Beales.
11. Infer why Maniac's pizza allergy had not been previously discovered.
12. Compose a poem or song which expresses Maniac's gratitude to the Beales.

Chapter 14

13. Assess what the Beales do to make Maniac feel like he is a part of the family.
14. Describe how Hands Down treats Maniac.
15. Compare and contrast Hands Down and John McNab.
16. Illustrate how Jeffrey asks Mrs. Beale to help him maintain his connection to his parents.
17. Explain the author's comment that, "Inside his house, a kid gets one name, but on the other side of the door, it's whatever the rest of the world wants to call him."

Chapter 15

18. List three of the feats that spread about Maniac in the East End.
19. Evaluate why Mrs. Beale does not approve of Maniac's trash-talking.
20. Show how Maniac and Mrs. Beale have developed a parent-child relationship.
21. Predict what is foreshadowed by the following: "Maniac loved almost everything about his new life. But everything did not love him back."