

6th Grade English: The Witch of Blackbird Pond Study Guide

Chapters 1-7

1. Where is Kit from originally and why is coming to America so strange for her?
2. In whom did Kit find a friend in this chapter?
3. Define the word “heathen.”
4. Why was John concerned for Kit at the end of the chapter?
5. List Kit’s interactions with the following characters on the ship: Nat, John, Goodwife Cruff, Prudence.
6. Describe Kit’s family.
7. Summarize Kit’s history and how she came to live with her aunt and uncle.
8. Why was Matthew’s reaction so shocking to Kit?
9. Why did Kit cry on her pillow that night?
10. Describe Kit’s experience at church and why she was upset at the end of the chapter.
11. Describe the altercation between the reverend and Kit’s uncle.
12. Why did the Reverend think that Mercy is weak and why does Kit disagree?
13. What helped Kit enjoy Saturday evenings?

Chapters 8-14

14. What helped Kit better understand her uncle?
15. What was the answer Kit received from Hannah?
16. How does Kit’s family feel about Hannah?
17. Who’s Hannah’s seafaring friend?
18. What secret world did Kit pull Prudence into?
19. Do you agree Kit should have pulled Prudence into her world? Why, or why not?
20. What awkward situation did Nat put Kit in when he walked her home?
21. What tragic event happened in this chapter?
22. What did Nat mean when he said, “To think I worried about that little bird. I might have known it would gobble up a nice fat partridge in no time”?

Chapters 15-21

23. Why was Kit proud of her uncle?

24. What danger is Prudence in?
25. Why is Judith so upset?
26. Why do a crowd of people want Matthew to help them kill Hannah?
27. What does Kit do?
28. What do the angry townspeople do to Hannah's house?
29. How does Kit save Hannah?
30. Why is Kit locked up in a shed?
31. What happened at the trial?
32. How did Prudence's parents react when she told them she had been going to Hannah's home and Kit had been teaching her to read?
33. Describe Kit's first winter.
34. Who arrived at the end of the chapter and why was it so shocking?
35. Which characters' engagements were announced?
36. How will Nat make his living? What does he ask Kit?