

English IIE: 3105  
Maniac Magee Comprehension Questions

Write a definition for each of the vocabulary words. Answer the questions in complete sentences.

**Chapters 1-5**

Vocabulary		
emanation	carcass	trestle
commotion	mirage	smatter

1. What happened to Maniac's parents?
2. What is Maniac's real name?
3. Why did Jeffrey scream at Aunt Dot and Uncle Dan during the musicale at school?
4. Who is the first person to talk to Maniac after he ran away?
5. Two Mills is divided. Tell how the town is divided.
6. In your own words, tell what happened in chapter 4.

**Chapters 6-9**

1. How many children were in the Pickwell family?
2. What did the mystery dinner guest do that angered the Pickwell children and caused them to blink and squint?
3. Who is John McNab? What does he look like?
4. In Chapter 7, what was so unusual about the baseball game?
5. How did Jeffery get his nickname?
6. Why did McNab's group stop at Hector Street?

## **Chapters 10-14**

Vocabulary	
befuddled solitude	converged

1. What did Maniac do that was not acceptable?
2. Why do you think Mars Bar Thompson called Maniac “Fishbelly”?
3. Who stopped Mars Bar Thompson and Maniac from fighting?
4. How did Mr. Beale know that Maniac didn’t live where he said he did?
5. List 5 chores Maniac did at the Beale’s house.
6. What did Mrs. Beale have the luxury of doing with Maniac around?
7. Why do you think kids get nicknames on the streets?

## **Chapters 15-22**

Vocabulary	
unbeknownst gawked	coot

1. Why did Maniac love trash talk?
2. What did Mrs. Beale do when Maniac started talking street talk at home?
3. Give three reasons why some kids disliked Maniac?
4. An analogy is when you compare one thing to another thing. What was one of the analogies about the weather at the beginning of Ch. 17?
5. Why did Amanda want Maniac to try to “overcome” Cobble’s Knot?
6. Why did Maniac leave the Beale’s house?

## **Chapters 25-32**

Vocabulary	
rookie	immortality

1. What had Grayson done that amazed Maniac?
2. What did Maniac need to have in his hands when he was listening to Grayson's stories?
3. What did Grayson want Maniac to teach him?
4. Why did Maniac want paint?
5. What was the last present Grayson gave to Maniac?
6. Why did Maniac start running again?

## **Chapters 33-39**

Vocabulary	
satchel phantoms lambaste ludicrous	nonchalant pandemonium carrion

1. What was the last thing Maniac did to the band shelter? Why did he do it?
2. Maniac crawled into one of the cabins in Valley Forge. What did he decide he would do there?
3. Why were the two children in Valley Forge?
4. Who turned out to be the brother of the two young boys?
5. Who did Maniac race? Why? Who won?
6. Why are the McNabs building a "pillbox"?

7. Why did Maniac leave the McNabs?

### **Chapters 40-46**

1. Who did Maniac bring to the birthday party?
2. Who was following Maniac in the early morning hours?
3. Russell and Piper were playing what game? What happened to Russell?
4. What did Maniac do when he saw Russell?
5. At the end of the story, Maniac finally gets a home. Explain how this happens.