

Directions: Answer the following questions, fill in the character list and define the terms as you read! Be thorough with your answer it will help you! This story will give you information for a project you will soon be assigned.

Authors Note

1. How was fur used as a symbol of status in medieval Europe?

2. List the names of several famous adventurers.

3. List 4 statements that describe the life of a voyageur.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

Chapter 1 An Errant Stroke

1. What happened to Pierre's father? (p.3)

2. Name the village Pierre lives in. (p.3)

3. Why does Pierre feel guilty? (p.4 & 5)

Chapter 2 Pierre's Plan

1. Name the company Charles LaPage works for. (p.7)

2. What is a voyageurs job? (p.7)

3. Describe the clothing of the voyageur. (p.9)

2. What happened to Pierre in his dream? (p.23-24)

Chapter 4 Departure

1. How many Montreal canoes were in Pierre's brigade? (p.27)
2. What river do the voyageurs start in ? (p.27)
3. What color is vermilion? (You will have to look this one up in a dictionary)
4. How much weight did these canoes hold? (p. 28)
5. Where were they to deliver their trade goods?(p. 28)
6. How many middlemen were in Pierre's canoe? (p. 28)
7. Why do you think it was good to have someone in the canoe that could sing well?
8. How many miles did the brigade have to paddle? (p. 31)
9. How much did each bale in a canoe weight? (p.33)
10. What did the voyageurs do at St. Anne's church? (p.33,34)

Chapter 5 Massacre Island

1. What river are the voyageurs now on? (p.36)
2. Are they going upstream or down stream?

3. How many miles did they paddle on their first day? (p.36)
4. What was Pierre's problem? (p.37)
5. What was La Londe's position/job in the canoe? (p. 39)
6. Describe the evening meal? (p.40 paragraphs 2 & 3)
7. What was the reward for a hard days work? (p. 41)
8. What was "the test"?
9. Where did the voyageurs sleep? (p.45)

Chapter 6 First Light

1. Name the type of "line" used to carry the double packs on a portage. (p. 49, last paragraph)
2. How many packs does Pierre carry on his first portage? (p.50)
3. How many do most voyageurs carry? (p. 50)
4. How many did La Petite carry? (p. 50)

5. How did Pierre feel while portaging, be descriptive, using the authors words. (p.51)

6. What was “the joke” played on Pierre? (.52)

Chapter 7 The Long Sault

1. What does it mean to “track” a canoe? (p.55)

2. What was the pace of paddling? (p. 56)

3. What purpose did long hair have for the voyageurs? (p.57)

4. How were graves of voyageurs marked?(p.59)

5. What was Pierre’s “share” of the winnings? (p.61)

Chapter 8 Night of the Kettle Dance

1. What is a “sault”? (p. 63)

2. List the materials used to repair a canoe. (p.64)

3. Who are the “pork-eaters”?
4. Why did Pierre throw-up?(p. 68)
5. How many meals a day did a voyageur eat? (p. 68)
6. How did Pierre get back at Beloit? (p.70)

Chapter 9 A Long Day’s Paddle

1. What did La Londe do to help Pierre?(p.76)

Chapter 10 The Confluence of the Mattawa

1. Define – Confluence (use a dictionary)
2. What things did the voyageurs eat to vary their diet? (p. 81)

Chapter 11 The French River

1. Why did the canoemen throw away their setting poles? (p.83)
2. Define – degrade (p.84)

Chapter 12 A Broken Blade

1. What happened to La Londe?

Chapter 13 La Cloche Rock

1. Which voyageur comforts Pierre?
2. What worries the voyageurs? (p.99)

Chapter 14 Huron's Revenge

1. How do the voyageurs save miles? (p.103)
2. What happens as the voyageurs save miles?
3. What steps do the canoemen take to help their situation? (p. 106,107)

Chapter 15 Degrade

1. Define – degrade (p.109)

Chapter 16 Prettying Up

1. What is "La Vieille"? (p.113)
2. What did the canoemen do at camp 10 miles away from Grand Portage? (p.114)
3. Define – chanson. (p.115)

4. Name the point they rounded to see Grand Portage? (p.115)

5. Explain what Grand Portage looked like. (p.115)

6. Who lived at Grand Portage and what did they do? (p.115)

7. Why did Beloit stop calling Pierre names? (p. 117,118)

Chapter 17 Grand Portage

1. Identify the two camps and explain why they need the two camps.

2. How many miles is the Grand Portage trail? (p.120)

3. How is a North canoe different from a Montreal canoe?

4. Describe the events and activities of the night at Grand Portage. (p.124,125)

Chapter 18 Mukwa's Wigwam

1. How long did the canoemen stay at Grand Portage? (p.128)
2. What would the voyageurs bring back with them? (p.128)
3. Explain trading credits. (p.129)

4. What trade item caused the most trouble? (p.130)

Chapter 19 Rendezvous

1. What is a rendezvous?
2. What is "Gitchegammi"?

Chapter 20 Rubbaoo

1. What time did the voyageurs leave Grand Portage? (p.140) Why do you think they left at this time? (This is not in the book).
2. Who was the most famous French explorer? (p.141)
3. What sort of things did Pierre miss from home? (p.142)
4. What advice did McKay give Pierre? (p.142)

5. Why is “pace” important to the canoemen? (p.143)

6. What is rubbaboo? (p.147)

7. What is pemmican? (p. 148)

Chapter 21 Homeward Bound

1. How did the canoemen show their respect for La Londe?

Chapter 22 The Last Portage

1. Why were there more portages coming home than in going out on the same route?
(p. 154)

2. Why didn't Pierre warn Nolin? (p. 157)

Chapter 23 The Wood Pile

1. How does Pierre's father describe the change in Pierre? (p.161)