

MAPPS FRESHMEN SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

As you read the book Tuck Everlasting, answer the following questions. Carefully follow the directions below.

1. You must answer each question in complete sentences.
2. You must work alone on this project.
3. Your answers must be **handwritten, not typed.**
4. Write on the front of the paper only. Do not write on the back.
5. Do not write over the margin on the right side.

THIS ASSIGNMENT IS DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

IN ADDITION, A 50 QUESTION TEST ON THE BOOK WILL BE GIVEN DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL.

Chapters 1-6

1. At what time of year does the story begin? What is the mood?
2. What is the road to Treegap like? How does it change as it approaches the wood?
3. Who is Winnie Foster? What is her connection to the wood?
4. What is Mae Tuck like? Why is she planning to go to the wood?
5. Who is Tuck? What does he dream about?
6. What object is special to Mae Tuck?
7. What does the stranger ask Winnie and her grandmother about?
8. What do Winnie, her grandmother, and the stranger hear?
9. How does Winnie's grandmother explain it?
10. Who does Winnie see in the clearing? How do these two seem to feel about meeting each other?
11. Who kidnaps Winnie? How does she feel about being kidnapped? How do her kidnappers feel about kidnapping her?

Chapters 7-12

Summarize and Predict – As you read each chapter, summarize it in a short paragraph. In a second paragraph, predict what you think will happen next. (100 to 150 words for each chapter – you should have TWELVE paragraphs total for this section, two for each of the six chapters.)

Chapters 13-18

1. What kind of sleep does Winnie have? Why?
2. What is Jesse's plan for the future? What does Winnie think of that plan? What do you think of it?
3. What does the man in the yellow suit want to exchange for Winnie?
4. How does the stranger treat the constable?

5. Why does the stranger say that he is going ahead? Do you think that is the real reason?
6. What does Miles want to do with his life? How is he different from his father?
7. Why don't Miles and Winnie catch any fish for breakfast?
8. What does Miles mean when he tells Winnie that "People got to be meat-eaters sometimes"? Do you agree?
9. As Winnie looks around at the Tucks, who seems "dearest of them all"? Why do you think that is?
10. What happens to break the pleasant mood at the Tuck's breakfast table?

Chapters 19-24

1. How did the stranger first learn about the Tucks and the fact that they never aged?
2. Why does the stranger want the wood and spring?
3. What offer does the stranger make the Tucks? How do they react?
4. Why does Mae Tuck strike the stranger?
5. Why does Winnie feel that she must keep Mae Tuck from going to the gallows?
6. How does Winnie's family treat her when she returns home?
7. Why does Winnie take a bowl of water outside?
8. What does Jesse give Winnie?
9. How does the weather change as Winnie and the Tucks help Mae escape? How does the weather aid in the rescue?
10. How does Winnie help Mae get away?

Chapter 25-Epilogue

1. What time of year is it now? Compare the first sentence of chapter 25 with the first sentence of the book. How is the atmosphere – the overall feeling it creates – different now?
2. Did Winnie get into a lot of trouble with her family for her role in helping Mae escape? Why do you think they reacted the way they did?
3. How does Winnie rescue the toad from the dog?
4. Where does the toad appear one final time in the story?
5. How much time passes before Tuck and Mae visit Treegap again?
6. What do they learn about the wood, the tree, and the spring?
7. What was the weather like the night the tree was killed? When do you see such weather earlier in the story?
8. Do you think the spring still survives? Explain.
9. What was Winnie's life like after the Tucks left? How do you know?
10. Why does Tuck say "Good girl" as he looks at Winnie's headstone? Are you surprised at her decision to not drink the water?
11. Do you think that this is a good ending?