

Chapter 4- "Stolen By Indians" (pg. 20-25)

Summary:

George has been taught by his father to walk quietly in the woods, but Robert has not. Because of Robert's indifference in this matter, he and George get kidnapped by Indians and taken to an Indian village. There they then put on horseback and begin to travel. Robert and George's legs are strapped to horses with cruel leather straps that bite into their legs, and Robert's legs begin to bleed. The Indians sympathize with George because he is brave, but they pay little attention to Robert, who is a crybaby.

Vocabulary Words:

pale (pg. 19)- lacking the usual intensity of color due to fear, illness, stress

pried (pg. 20)- to move, raise, or open by leverage-a rigid bar that pivots about one point and that is used to move an object at a second point by a force applied at a third

pikes (pg. 20)- a shafted weapon having a pointed head

papoose (pg. 20)- a North American Indian baby or young child

glade (pg. 25)- an open space in a forest

venison (pg. 25)- deer meat

Discussion and Quiz Questions:

1. How did George walk compared to Robert? Why had he been taught to walk like this?

(pg. 19) George walked quietly in order to watch for signs of danger or Indians. Robert tramped loudly and didn't try to be cautious.

2. What did George notice in the bushes? What did he do when he realized it wasn't an animal?

(pg. 20) He noticed a strange movement. He hid.

3. What did Robert do that worsened the boys' chances of getting kidnapped?

(pg. 20-21) Started crying, thrashing in the bushes

4. What did Pa tell George to do if he was caught by Indians (pg. 21)? Why?

Don't scream. Act brave, even if you are scared.

5. Where did the Indians first take George and Robert?

To an Indian camp (pg. 22)

6. What did George want the Indians to do so that Robert would stop crying?

(pg. 24) Untie his legs so that the leather straps would not cut him

7. Who did George believe would rescue them?

(pg. 25) His Pa (father)

Journal Questions:

What did George mean when he says that Robert's legs looked like "boiled noodles?" (pg. 21)
When did you have legs that felt like boiled noodles because you were so scared?

Make up some similes: Ex. "My legs feel like strands of cobwebs." (My ____ is like _____) (pg. 25)

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