

Tuck Everlasting

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Synopsis

The Tuck family looks like an ordinary family to 10-year-old Winnie when she first meets them. But, unbeknownst to her, Winnie has stumbled onto their secret—they have eternal youth. As the Tucks try to explain to young Winnie why this secret must be kept among themselves, Winnie begins to understand many things about life . . . and death. The question Winnie must ask herself takes many years, and much soul-searching, to answer.

Vocabulary

CHAPTERS 1-2

1. tangent
2. tranquil
3. bovine
4. meager
5. oppressive
6. gallows
7. accessible
8. immense
9. melancholy

CHAPTERS 3-4

1. stationary
2. grimace
3. retorted
4. self-deprecation
5. remnants

CHAPTERS 5-6

1. venture
2. amber
3. burly
4. perversely

CHAPTERS 7-8

1. scornful
2. parson
3. elated

CHAPTERS 9-10

1. vanity
2. submission
3. indomitable
4. perilous
5. mirage
6. disarray

CHAPTERS 11-12

1. elation
2. savior
3. luxurious
4. silhouette
5. anguish

CHAPTERS 13-14

NONE

CHAPTERS 15-16

1. barbarian
2. illiterate
3. ordeal
4. constable

CHAPTERS 17-18

1. peril
2. searing
3. alien

CHAPTERS 19-20

1. metaphysics
2. legend
3. immense
4. petulance
5. ghastly
6. marionette
7. envious
8. entranced

CHAPTERS 21-22

1. mingled
2. exertion
3. gingerly

CHAPTERS 23-24

1. ponderous
2. remorseless
3. plaintive
4. parlor
5. lapse
6. gentility
7. prostrate
8. receded
9. ebb
10. exultant

CHAPTER 25 & EPILOGUE

1. unwittingly
2. constricted
3. apprehensive
4. accomplice
5. wistful
6. prissy
7. revulsion



Name: _____

Date: _____

Tuck Everlasting—Chapters 1-12

Character Identification: Write the character's letter in the blank beside each description of that character. You may use a letter more than once.

(a) Winnie (b) Angus Tuck (c) Mae Tuck (d) Miles Tuck (e) Jesse Tuck

1. _____ Mother of Jesse and Miles.
2. _____ First meets Jesse by the spring.
3. _____ The older of the two brothers.
4. _____ Walks many miles to meet her boys.
5. _____ Has a music box.
6. _____ Looks like he's 17 or 18 years old.
7. _____ Quite fond of a frog that comes to her yard.
8. _____ Puts Winnie on a horse and "kidnaps" her.
9. _____ Takes Winnie for a ride in a rowboat.
10. _____ Only 10 years old.

Quotations: Write the name of the character who said the following:

1. _____ "Well, boys. Here it is. The worst is happening at last."
2. _____ "Believe me, Winnie Foster, it would be terrible for you if you drank any of this water. I can't let you."
3. _____ "We just are, we just be, like rocks beside the road."
4. _____ "The boys don't be home very much."
5. _____ "Did you hear that? That's the elf music I told you about."
6. _____ "I'm one hundred and four years old."
7. _____ "Please child . . . dear, dear child . . . don't you be scared."
8. _____ "My wife, she finally made up her mind I'd sold my soul to the Devil. She left me."
9. _____ "It pains me to think how your ma and pa will worry, but there's just no way around it."
10. _____ "Well then, seeing you know, I'll go on and say this is the finest thing that's happened in—oh—at least eighty years."

Short Essay: Write a complete paragraph to answer the following question.

Who do you think the man in the yellow suit is and what does he want?



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Tuck Everlasting—Chapter 13—Epilogue

Multiple Choice: Choose the one best answer that completes each of the following. Write the letter of your choice in the blank.

1. _____ Mae hit the man in the yellow suit with a (a) hammer (b) lamp (c) shotgun (d) rock.
2. _____ Mae was going to be put on trial for (a) murder (b) kidnapping (c) assault (d) disturbing the peace.
3. _____ The sheriff tells Winnie that if she were older she would be guilty of (a) murder (b) running away from home (c) being an accomplice (d) trespassing.
4. _____ The one present Jesse gave Winnie was (a) the music box (b) a camera (c) a special memory book (d) a bottle of special water.
5. _____ In order for Mae's escape to work, (a) Winnie told the sheriff he had to come quickly to her house (b) they had to drug the sheriff (c) Winnie took Mae's place in the cell (d) they had to use the horses to pull the bars of the cell free.
6. _____ Winnie poured water all over the toad to (a) cool it off (b) protect it from a dog (c) drown it (d) see if it worked.
7. _____ After Mae's escape from the jail, the Tucks were gone from Treegap for about (a) 10 years (b) 20 years (c) 60 years (d) 200 years.
8. _____ When the Tucks returned to Treegap they learned that (a) Winnie had waited for them (b) Jesse and Winnie had married (c) Winnie had died young (d) Winnie had married and died an old woman.
9. _____ One piece of information that pleases the Tucks is that (a) Jesse has married (b) Miles has remarried (c) the woods have been completely torn down (d) everyone in town knows their secret and doesn't care.
10. _____ At the end, the Tucks are certain that (a) the man in the yellow suit never found the secret spring (b) Jesse has died (c) Winnie passed the secret on to her children (d) their old house is still standing.

Synonyms: Match up each of the following vocabulary words with a word that has a similar meaning. Write the word in the blank beside its synonym.

ebbed
mingled

marionette
apprehensive

revulsion
alien

accomplice
peril

constricted
gingerly

1. fearful: _____
2. strange: _____
3. helper: _____
4. receded: _____
5. mixed: _____

6. puppet: _____
7. disgust: _____
8. carefully: _____
9. danger: _____
10. tightened: _____



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Final Test
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Comprehension: Fill in the blanks with nouns (people, places, things) from the book that would make sense in the context of the book.

Winnie was only 10 years old when she first met (1) _____ in the woods.

Soon, however, she met the entire (2) _____ family. It was Mae's

(3) _____ which calmed Winnie down enough to listen to them. The story

they told was unbelievable: There was a (4) _____ that was in the woods

outside the town of (5) _____. The whole family drank from the spring one

day, all except the (6) _____, and they all continued to live, even through

accidents and illnesses. (7) _____ even tried to shoot himself to see if he was

invincible and indeed, he was.

When (8) _____ went home with the (9) _____ she

was scared at first, but after a while she realized how kind they were. (10) _____

took her for a ride in the (11) _____ so he could explain everything to her.

(12) _____ even asked her to drink the (13) _____ when she

was 17 and then they could get married.

Everything was somewhat calm until (14) _____ showed up. And when

(15) _____ hit him to stop him from selling the water from the spring, the

(16) _____ happened to see it and arrested Mae. One thing was for sure, Mae

could never face the (17) _____ because then everyone would know their

secret.

Jesse, Miles, and Angus had all planned Mae's (18) _____, but it was

(19) _____ who finally made it all work.



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Research and Art

1. You will use information gathered from the Internet and your imagination to do the following:
 - Review the term Impressionism.
 - View works of art by the following artists:
 - i. Cassatt Manet Monet Cassatt
 - ii. Paris O'Keefe
 - Use watercolors to create your own painting. Try to recreate soft and blended lighting effects using watercolors. Try to catch the author's vivid and colorful description of the scenery in the novel. Reread the following pages from the novel, *Tuck Everlasting*, and choose one scene to paint.
 - i. Treegap (page 5)
 - ii. The Wood (page 24)
 - iii. The Pond (page 60)
 - Write a descriptive paragraph about your painting, which includes information about the scene from Tuck and how you portrayed it in your painting.

2. You will need to explore sites to create a poster explaining what you have learned about our precious drinking water. Be sure that you have gathered accurate and interesting information for your poster. Research and report on any of the following topics:
 - The Water Cycle
 - How Ground Water is formed
 - Aquifers and Wells
 - The Filtration Process
 - Pollution Dangers
 - Acid Rain
 - Any other water related topic you find interesting!

Write a summary of the topic you have chosen to use as the basis of your poster. You may include the summary as part of the poster.

3. Create a storyboard depicting the natural life and death cycle of the topic of your choice, such as the life and death cycle of a butterfly or a frog. Use your research skills to organize your information before starting your storyboard.
 - Choose a topic that you are interested in!
 - Keep it simple, don't try to be overly detailed.
 - Make a list of the life cycle to see how many storyboard squares you will need.
 - Synthesize or combine steps to facilitate your storyboard.

- Make sure you use color and work neatly.
- Your interpretation should show careful reading and insight
- Your interpretation should be well organized with appropriate examples.

Writing

1. Write a four-paragraph cause/effect report. First paragraph – introduction to get audience’s attention; Second paragraph – positive effects of drinking from the spring; Third – negative effects from drinking from the spring; and Fourth – explain if you would drink from the spring and why.