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Understanding the Story

Chapters 1 - 6

Multiple Choice

1. In Chapter 1, who is Asta's son helping the priest to bury?

(a) His mother.

(b) His father.

(c) Lord Furnival.

(d) John Aycliffe.

2. In Chapter 4, why doesn't Asta's son return to his cottage as he plans?

(a) He is too badly injured.

(b) Armed guards are outside his cottage.

(c) The bailiff and the reeve burned down his cottage.

(d) He cannot bear to face the memories in his cottage.

Short Answer

3. In Chapter 1, what upsets Asta's son so much that he runs into the forest and trips and falls?

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Long Answer

4. Describe what Asta's son witnesses in the village that makes him believe the people have been warned against him. Why would he believe this?

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A Little Extra!

Describe the setting of the novel so far. In what time period does this story take place?

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Chapter Summary

Chapters 1 - 6

1. If you were to give a title to this section of the book, what would it be?

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2. What happens in these chapters?

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3. What is your favorite part of this section of the book?

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4. What new words did you learn in these chapters?

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5. Draw a picture of something you think represents these chapters.

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Understanding the Story
Chapters 7 - 12

Multiple Choice

1. The only living person whom Asta's son trusts is:

(a) John Aycliffe.
(b) Lord Furnival.
(c) Father Quinel.
(d) Sir Richard du Brey.

2. In Chapter 8, Asta's son learns that his real name is:

(a) Christian.
(b) Crispin.
(c) Christopher.
(d) Curtis.

Short Answer

3. In Chapter 7, Asta's son overhears two men, Matthew and Luke, speaking about him. What crime has the steward claimed that Asta's son committed? Do the men believe this?

Long Answer

4. Explain how Asta's son is led into a trap in Chapter 10.

A Little Extra!

Which part of this section was the most surprising to you? Why?

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Chapter Summary

Chapters 13 - 18

1. If you were to give a title to this section of the book, what would it be?

2. What happens in these chapters?

3. What is your favorite part of this section of the book?

4. What new words did you learn in these chapters?

5. Draw a picture of something you think represents these chapters.

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Chapters 19 - 24

Multiple Choice

1. How does Crispin's new master make his living?

(a) He is a field worker.

(b) He is a tax collector.

(c) He is a priest.

(d) He is a juggler.

2. Crispin's new master is known as:

(a) Bear.

(b) Bull.

(c) Elephant.

(d) Ox.

Short Answer

3. What clues in this section suggest that Crispin is beginning to trust his new master?

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Long Answer

4. Crispin's new master gives Crispin several pieces of wise advice in this section. Choose one of them from below and explain its meaning.
1) "Mirth is the coin that brings a welcome. Lose your sorrows, and you'll find your freedom."
2) "Living by answers is a form of death. It is only questions that keep you living."
3) "Should not every man be master of himself?"
4) "The only cross you need is the one in your heart."

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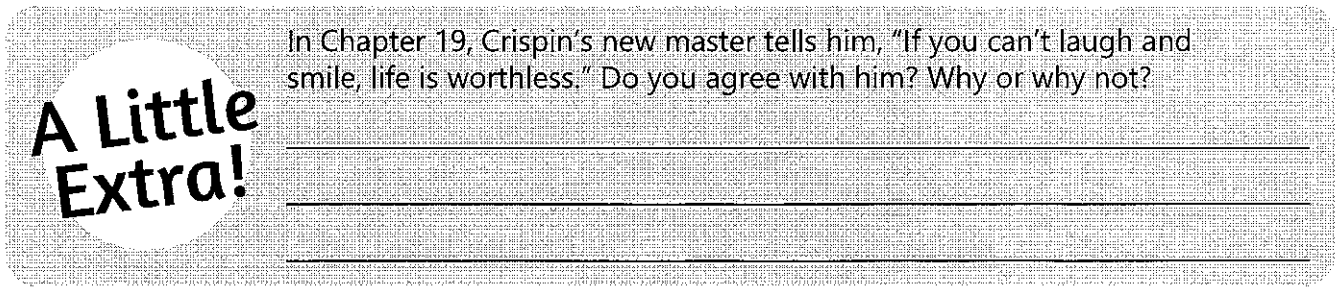

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Chapter Summary

Chapters 25 - 30

1. If you were to give a title to this section of the book, what would it be?

2. What happens in these chapters?

3. What is your favorite part of this section of the book?

4. What new words did you learn in these chapters?

5. Draw a picture of something you think represents these chapters.

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Chapters 31 - 36

Multiple Choice

1. In Chapter 31, what does Bear give Crispin as a reward for his hard work?

(a) A penny.

(b) A farthing.

(c) A loaf of bread.

(d) A nickel.

2. In Chapter 35, what news does Widow Daventry tell Bear and Crispin?

(a) Lord Furnival is at the festival.

(b) Lord Furnival has died.

(c) John Aycliffe is staying at the inn.

(d) John Aycliffe has died.

Short Answer

3. Explain how Bear and Crispin enter the town of Great Wexly without being stopped by the armed soldiers who guard the entry gates.

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Long Answer

4. In Chapter 34, Bear and Crispin arrive at Great Wexly for the fair celebrating the Feast of St. John the Baptist. Imagine that you are at the fair. What is your favorite part about being there? What is your least favorite part? Why?

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A Little Extra!

At the end of Chapter 36, Crispin sneaks out of the tavern to explore the town. Do you believe it was smart of Crispin to do this? Why or why not? What do you think might happen to Crispin next?

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Chapter Summary

Chapters 37 - 42

1. If you were to give a title to this section of the book, what would it be?

2. What happens in these chapters?

3. What is your favorite part of this section of the book?

4. What new words did you learn in these chapters?

5. Draw a picture of something you think represents these chapters.

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Understanding the Story

Chapters 43 - 48

Multiple Choice

1. How does Crispin recognize the men of Lord Furnival's house?

(a) They carry golden daggers.

(b) Their shields display the Furnival crest.

(c) They ride white horses.

(d) They wear blue-and-gold livery.

2. In Chapter 45, Crispin has an easy time following Bear in the crowd because:

(a) Bear is so tall.

(b) Bear has a bright red beard.

(c) Bear dances and sings as he walks.

(d) Bear juggles as he walks.

Short Answer

3. Describe what happens after Crispin follows Bear to the boot shop in Chapters 45 to 46. What happens to Bear as a result?

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Long Answer

4. In Chapter 44, Crispin tells Bear that he believes someone may be spying on them. What makes Crispin think this? Is he correct?

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A Little Extra!

In Chapter 48, Widow Daventry tells Crispin that he must escape Great Wexly that night – alone. If you were Crispin, would you follow the Widow's advice in this situation? Why or why not?

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Chapter Summary

Chapters 49 - 54

1. If you were to give a title to this section of the book, what would it be?

2. What happens in these chapters?

3. What is your favorite part of this section of the book?

4. What new words did you learn in these chapters?

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Chapters 55 - 58

Multiple Choice

1. In Chapter 55, whose face does Crispin recognize on the face of the knight in the painting at the palace?

(a) Bear's face.

(b) His own face.

(c) His mother's face.

(d) Father Quinel's face.

2. Who discovers Crispin in Lord Furnival's palace?

(a) John Aycliffe.

(b) Lady Furnival.

(c) Richard du Brey.

(d) Bear.

Short Answer

3. In Chapter 58, what setback do Crispin and Bear face as they approach the city gates?

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Long Answer

4. In Chapter 56, what deal does Crispin make with John Aycliffe? Does John Aycliffe agree?

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A Little Extra!

How did you feel when you read the ending of the novel? Were you satisfied with the novel's ending? Why or why not?

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Chapter Summary

Chapters 55 - 58

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2. What happens in these chapters?

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Time for a Test!

Crispin: The Cross of Lead

Part A – Multiple Choice

1. John Aycliffe declares Asta's son, "a wolf's head". What does this mean?

(a) No one must believe Asta's son.
(b) Anyone may kill Asta's son.
(c) No one may give food to Asta's son.
(d) Asta's son needs a haircut.

2. What surprising fact about his mother does Crispin learn from Father Quinel?

(a) His mother had never named him.
(b) His mother had been a nun.
(c) His mother could read and write.
(d) His mother was secretly rich.

3. Before Crispin leaves Stromford, what sentimental object does Father Quinel give him?

(a) A small leather pouch.
(b) His mother's cross of lead.
(c) Seeds of wheat, oats, and barley.
(d) His mother's Holy Bible.

4. According to Crispin's mother, how did Crispin's father supposedly die?

(a) He died of the plague.
(b) He was executed for his crimes.
(c) He died in battle.
(d) He died of old age.

5. Crispin runs away from Stromford because John Aycliffe accuses him of:

(a) Treason.
(b) Murder.
(c) Blasphemy.
(d) Theft.

6. What is the *first* skill that Bear teaches Crispin?

(a) How to juggle four balls.
(b) How to play the drum.
(c) How to play the recorder.
(d) How to dance and sing.

7. Who does Crispin unexpectedly meet in the enormous church in Great Wexly?

(a) The one-eyed man.
(b) Widow Daventry.
(c) Lady Furnival.
(d) John Aycliffe.

8. The writing on Crispin's cross of lead declares that Crispin is:

(a) Lord Furnival's son.
(b) John Aycliffe's son.
(c) Bear's son.
(d) King Edward's son.

9. Although Crispin learns the truth about his father, he feels that his real father is:

(a) Father Quinel.
(b) John Ball.
(c) John Aycliffe.
(d) Bear.

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Crispin: The Cross of Lead

Part B – Short Answer

1. Describe the setting of *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*.

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2. Think about the title of this novel. Why is Crispin's cross of lead significant in the novel?

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3. Explain why at the end of the novel, Crispin views his newly-discovered royal blood as "nothing but venom".

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Part C – Long Answer

1. Describe Bear. How does Crispin's relationship with Bear grow over the course of the novel?

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2. How does the way that Crispin views himself change from the beginning to the end of the novel?

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