

## The Chrysalids: Study Questions chapters 1 - 6

### Chapter 1:

1. The city David dreams about contains images with which he is not familiar. Name at least three. (7)
2. What is David's eldest sister's name? (7)
3. From where does David's sister say his dreams may come? (7)
4. How does David feel about the dream he sees in his dream? (7)
5. What two words does David use to describe what he and Rosalind have in common?
6. Since this book is set in the future after a nuclear holocaust, what then is "the bank, coming round in a wide curve, and then running straight as an arrow towards the distant hills"? (8)
7. What happens to Sophie while playing with David? (10)
8. What important information is revealed about Sophie's foot? (11)
9. What is the image of God as decreed by Waknuk society? Quote directly (12-13)
10. David gives an indication of special abilities in reference to Mrs. Wender. What are these abilities? (13-14)
11. What secret must David keep? (14)
12. Why are Sophie's toes of such concern? (14-15)

### Chapter 2:

1. How old is David's house? (17)
2. Who built this house? (17)
3. Describe the materials from which this house is built. (17-18)
4. Explain the words: "My grandfather appeared to have been a man of somewhat tediously unrelieved virtue. It was only later that I pieced together a portrait that was more credible, if not more creditable" (18) (tediously - tiresome, annoying; credible - believable; creditable - good)
5. How did Ellas's wife react to her marriage? (18)

6. What are two of Joseph's occupations? (19)
7. Quote two of the axioms hanging in Joseph's house. (20)
8. What is an Offence? (20-21)
9. How is the problem of an Offence solved? (21)
10. What are human deviations called? (21)
11. How does Joseph Storm react to deviations? (21)
12. What is the Wild Country? (22)
13. What are the Fringes? (22)
14. What are the Badlands? (22)
15. Give a description of Uncle Axel. Give at least three details. (24)

### **Chapter 3:**

1. Describe David's schooling. (26)
2. What is significant about the steam engine? (26)
3. Who are the Old People? (26-27)
4. Why does John Wender regard David with suspicion? (27)

### **Chapter 4:**

1. What Information does Uncle Axel discover about David? (32)
2. David becomes aware of something during his conversation with Uncle Axel. What is it? (33)
3. What does David notice about one of the captured Fringe leaders? (35)
4. Choose a quotation from page 36 that describes Joseph's reaction to this man.
5. Why does Angus want the Great Horses? (38)
6. Describe the size of the horses. (37)

7. Where is Waknuk located? (40)
8. What is the author and title of the book that survived Tribulation? (41)
9. What other book survived from the time of the Old People? (41)
10. What are Ethics? (41)

### **Chapter 5:**

1. Who sees the different footprint on the rock? (44)
2. Why does Sophie hit Alan? (47)
3. What do the Wenders decide to do? (48)
4. How does Mrs. Wender feel about David? (49-50)
5. What does Mrs. Wender do that is unfamiliar to David? (50)
6. What does Mr. Wender ask David to do? (50)
7. How does the inspector attempt to help David? (53)
8. How does Joseph persuade David to tell where Sophie is? (54)

### **Chapter 6:**

1. Of what does David attempt to convince the other telepaths? (55)
2. What does the inspector bring with him? Why? (56)
3. How are the Wenders found? (58)
4. What are Uncle Axel's views about running away? (59)
5. According to Uncle Axel, why do people become angry at new Ideas? (59)
6. What do sailors say about sailing to the East? (60)
7. Describe some of the strange things sailors have seen. (60-61)
8. Describe the area where nothing grows. (62)

9. What probably has caused the damage the sailors have seen there? (See Ch. 1, #6)
10. In real life, what sea are the sailors referring to?
11. What does Uncle Axel say about the "true image"? (66)
12. What does Uncle Axel learn from David? (66)