

The Chrysalids: Study Questions chapters 7 - 12

Chapter 7:

1. Why is no mention made of Petra's birth? (68)
2. What cause is there for concern with regards Petra's inspection? (69)
3. What is the punishment for having three babies who do not pass inspection?
4. Why does Aunt Harriet visit David's mother at this time? (71)
5. How does David's mother respond to Harriet's request?
6. what does Harriet do as a result? (77)

Chapter 8:

- 1 .About what does David begin to worry as he converses with Uncle Axel? (80)
2. Quote the lines that contain Uncle Axel's advice to David (see page 80).
3. Wyndham is presenting his own views through the lecture Uncle Axel gives to David. What are Wyndham's views here?
- 4 .What does Uncle Axel say makes a man? (82)
5. Who are the other members of David's special group?
6. What are the advantages and disadvantages of education according to David? (85)

Chapter 9:

- 1.What is the first hint that Petra is not ordinary? Quote the lines from the text (see page 86).
2. How are Petra's communications different from everyone else's?
3. About what does David dream this time?
4. What does Old Jacob advise doing with any deviation? (91)
5. Why does Old Jacob believe that deviations are increasing in number? (92)

Chapter 10:

1. Give two reasons why Anne's marriage is frightening to the group. (94)
2. How do the members of the group feel about marriage to a norm? Quote a line from the text that supports your claim. (see pages 95 & 96)
3. Why is Uncle Axel worried about Anne being in love with a norm? (98)
4. How does Uncle Axel suggest they deal with Anne?
5. Why can David and Rosalind not see each other openly? (100-101)
6. What happens to Alan? What happens to Anne?
7. What fortunate accident regarding Anne's letter prevents the group from being exposed? (104)

Chapter 11:

1. What two forbidden things does Petra do?
2. Why is the strength of Petra's call dangerous to the group?
3. What causes Petra to call for help?
4. How does David greet the stranger?
5. What is the stranger's name?
6. What makes the man suspicious of the group?
7. What does the group decide that they cannot do?
8. How does David determine that Petra can receive thought-shapes?
9. What new information does Petra give the group?
10. Who is Joe Darley? Why is he asking questions?
11. What did Anne do before she died that endangered the group?

12. What did Uncle Axel do as a result? Outline the situation.
13. What other information is provided about banishment to the Fringes?
14. What do David and the group decide to do to Petra if necessary?

Chapter 12:

1. What causes the group's flight?
2. Who is best planned for the escape?
3. What has Rosalind brought with her? How is this symbolically appropriate?
4. Who assists Rosalind in her escape? What are David's thoughts about this news?
5. With whom are Rosalind, David and Petra communicating for information?
6. What do we know about the guns used in Waknuk?
7. What does Rosalind do that she finds to be traumatic?
8. What is happening to Sally and Katherine?
9. About what are the authorities most upset regarding the group?
10. What advantage do the telepaths have over normal people?
11. What does Petra mention for the second time?
12. From where are the thought pictures coming?
13. Why does David know about this land?
14. What technique does Wyndham use to end his chapters?