

Z for Zachariah: Questions for study on Chapters 21 - 26

Chapter 21:

1. What is Ann's condition at the beginning of this chapter?
2. How does Loomis attempt to find out where Ann is hiding?
3. Why did Loomis try to take the tractor key?
4. Describe Loomis's physical condition.
5. Why doesn't Ann fish with a fishing rod?

Chapter 22:

6. Why does Ann use the term "storm" to describe Loomis's investigation of the store?
7. Why does Loomis investigate the store?
8. Why does Loomis have a gun?
9. Why does Loomis place pad-locks on the store?
10. Why does Ann feel Loomis will not give her a key to those pad-locks?

Chapter 23:

11. Why did Loomis shoot Ann?
12. Describe Ann's Wound.
13. How did Ann react to being shot?
14. Why does Ann decide to kill Faro?
15. What did Loomis do at the cave? Why?

Chapter 24:

16. What plan does Ann make at the beginning of this chapter?
17. Where is Ann hiding at the beginning of this chapter?
18. Describe the dream Ann keeps having.

19. What was the trap Loomis set for Ann?

20. How did Faro die?

Chapter 25:

21. What actions has Ann taken at the start of this chapter?

22. What "important secret" does Ann say Loomis now knows about her? (page 237)

23. How did Ann learn about "taking the offensive"? What does it mean? (238)

24. Why does Ann leave the note for Loomis?

25. What does Ann mean when she says "I am glad to have told my story"?

Chapter 26:

26. Why did Ann experience such a sense of bitter disappointment? (page 246)

27. What words of Ann's probably saved her life?

28. What were Loomis's last words to Ann? Why did he say this?

29. Does the novel end on a hopeful or hopeless note? Explain your answer.

Part Two: Explain or define the following.

1. Fifteen or eighteen m.p.h.

2. the "blacktop"

3. it was tied loosely to the steering column with wire

4. a framed photograph of a young man in a suit

5. padlocks

6. "a thick column, rising fast, as if it came from a bonfire"

7. Ann spares Faro's life

8. children sitting at desks, waiting

9. what Ann did that caused Loomis to let go of Faro

10. Ann's "important secret"

11. "I will not harm an unarmed man"

12. "You didn't even thank me for taking care of you when you were sick"

13. "Birds!"

14. "I am hopeful"