

The Chronicles of Princess Naughty: Explorers' Club
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Story Discussion Questions and Answers

Discussing the Story:

The discussion ideas are meant to encourage the child/student to use higher order thinking skills to compare, contrast, explain, describe, identify, summarize, discuss, relate how, analyze, draw conclusions, evaluate, and interpret. They are not designed to have a child respond with only one answer or response. It is important to stimulate as much creativity with responses as possible. The depth and breadth to which a child will respond will depend on their individual abilities and experiences. It is the author's intent to teach this skill not only to the child, but also the teacher or parent. Long gone is the idea that there is only one response possible. As long as the child can justify their response with thoughtful or logical reasoning, the answer should be accepted. We need to teach our children how to think and not just what to think. Foundations need to be established and nurtured. Please note: Possible discussion responses are provided in italics after the discussion idea. If needed, use them as springboards to guide the discussion; however, do not use them as the only possible response.

Discussion Leads:

1. Describe what Regina, Isabella, and Princess are planning to do at the beginning of the story.

The girls have formed the Explorers' Club and are planning their first adventure. They are going to explore and look for a lost city in their nearby woods.

2. Name the newest member of the Explorers' Club.

Princess' dog, Aaron, an Irish Setter.

3. The girls worked very hard to plan for their adventure. Identify and list each girls' duties.

Princess brought a map and compass. Regina packed snacks and cookies. Isabella brought band-aids, water, and antiseptic gel. Aaron brought his tennis ball.

4. Explain why they did not want Aaron to come with them.

They were afraid that it could be too dangerous for Aaron.

5. Explain why Princess' mom wanted her home for supper.

She told Princess to be home for supper and that she didn't want Princess to be in the woods when it is dark.

6. Identify the direction the girls were traveling in, while hiking in the woods.

North

7. First, a tree branch scratched Princess and then Regina was hurt. Explain what happened to Regina.

Regina fell and scrapped her knee when she jumped across a creek.

8. Explain what Isabella did to help Regina.

Isabella cleaned her scrape and then put two or three band-aids on Regina's cut.

9. When the girls were eating lunch, they heard a noise in the bushes. Identify what was making the sound.

It was a black squirrel running around in the bushes and up the tree.

10. After lunch, they continued on their journey. They marked the path on their map. Name the direction the girls were traveling in.

According to Princess' compass that was clipped on her clipboard, they were always traveling north.

11. When Princess pushed a large branch away, suddenly, the woods had changed. Explain what was different about the woods.

The woods had turned into a jungle.

12. Explain what the girls wanted to do when they saw the woods had turned into a jungle.

The girls wanted to turn around but, Princess wanted to continue on. So, Regina and Isabella continued on with her.

13. The girls stopped to get some apples out of Regina's backpack. Describe what they saw that scared them and what they did.

They saw a black monkey. The screamed and then ran into a small clearing.

14. Describe what Isabella did when she was stung by a mosquito.

Isabella got out her bug repellent and sprayed herself and the girls with bug repellent.

15. When they decided to go back home, name the direction they decided on to head home and discuss why.

Since they were traveling north all day, the girls decided they should head south to return home.

16. When the girls realized that they were lost, explain what they learned about Princess' compass.

When Princess' compass was attached to the clipboard, the metal clip affected how the compass worked. Instead of pointing to the true direction, the compass dial was pointing to the metal on the clipboard.

17. When the girls realized that they were lost, explain what they did and why.

Princess said that she had read in a survival book that instead of continuing to wander around when you are lost, you should stay where you are and wait for friends or family to find you. They got out their picnic blanket and huddled under it to stay warm.

18. When Princess, Regina, and Isabella did not return home, describe what their parents decided to do.

Their parents and Aaron met at the entrance to the woods. They were going to go off in different directions looking for the girls. Princess' dad gave Aaron his yellow tennis ball and told him to find the girls. He knew that Aaron could always find Princess when he wanted to play ball. Also, Aaron could cover a lot more ground faster than the parents.

19. The girls began to hear something moving very fast toward them. They were frightened and so they hid further under the blanket. Explain what they thought was coming towards them.

They thought it was a wolf.

20. Explain what was coming up to them.

Aaron, he had found the girls and he dropped his ball on their blanket.

21. Discuss what the girls did when they realized that it was Aaron.

They all threw their arms around him and hugged him. They knew that they were safe and that he would guide their parents to them.

22. Discuss how the jungle looked when they came out from underneath their blanket to hug Aaron.

It was no longer a scary jungle and they were back in their woods. The black monkey was no longer there, but instead a black squirrel was in the tree.

23. Describe what Aaron did after he found the girls.

He ran off barking to let their parents know where the girls were located.

24. What adventure are the girls planning next?

They want to learn about magic.

25. When the girls became frightened, their woods became a jungle. The black squirrel became a black monkey. Describe a time when you were scared and how your fear and imagination changed your surroundings to something scary looking.

Answers will vary

26. Discuss what Princess meant when she said, "When you are lost, let your family and friends be your compass to help you find your way safely home."

There are many ways to be lost, not only physically, but perhaps in how you feel. Family and friends can help guide you in the direction you may need to go.