



5th Grade
SUMMER READING COMPREHENSION
GUIDED READING QUESTIONS

Book

“Island of the Blue Dolphin”

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Chapter 1

1. What is the name of Karana’s tribe, and where do they live?
2. How does Karana describe her brother, Ramo, and her sister, Ulape?
3. Who are the Aleuts, and why do they come to the island?
4. What agreement do the Aleuts make with Chief Chowig?

Chapter 2

1. How do the villagers react to the arrival of the Aleuts?
2. Describe the deal made between the Aleuts and Chief Chowig regarding the otter pelts.
3. What is Karana’s role in her tribe?

Chapter 3

1. How does Karana describe the relationship between the Aleuts and her tribe as the Aleuts stay on the island?
2. What signs indicate that the Aleuts are preparing to leave?
3. What is the outcome of the conflict between the Aleuts and the villagers?

Chapter 4

1. What happens to Chief Chowig during the conflict?
2. How does the loss of many men affect the tribe?
3. Who becomes the new chief after Chief Chowig's death?

Chapter 5

1. Describe the changes in the tribe's way of life after the battle with the Aleuts.
2. How does the tribe prepare for their potential departure from the island?
3. What role does Karana play in these preparations?

Chapter 6

1. Why do the villagers decide to leave the island, and how do they plan to do it?
2. What happens to Karana and Ramo when the ship arrives?
3. Why does Karana jump off the ship?

Chapter 7

1. Describe Karana's emotions and thoughts after being left alone on the island.
2. What challenges does Karana face while searching for Ramo?
3. What tragic event happens to Ramo?

Chapter 8

1. How does Karana cope with the loss of her brother?
2. What decision does Karana make regarding her survival on the island?
3. What steps does she take to protect herself from the wild dogs?

Chapter 9

1. Describe the process Karana uses to build a shelter.
2. What materials does she use, and where does she find them?
3. How does she ensure her shelter is safe from wild dogs?

Chapter 10

1. How does Karana begin to gather food and supplies for herself?
2. What difficulties does she encounter while hunting and gathering?
3. How does she adapt her techniques to overcome these challenges?

Chapter 11

1. Describe Karana's encounter with the wild dogs.
2. How does she defend herself against the leader of the wild dogs?
3. What injuries does she sustain, and how does she treat them?

Chapter 12

1. How does Karana deal with her fear and loneliness?
2. What is her plan for leaving the island, and why does it fail?
3. How does Karana's attitude towards the island change by the end of the chapter?

Chapter 13

1. Describe Karana's relationship with the animals on the island.
2. How does she tame and befriend the wild dog, Rontu?
3. What changes occur in her daily life as a result of this friendship?

Chapter 14

1. How does Karana improve her living conditions on the island?
2. What new skills does she learn, and how do they help her survive?
3. Describe her attempts to make weapons, despite the tribe's prohibition.

Chapter 15

1. What motivates Karana to explore other parts of the island?
2. What discoveries does she make during her exploration?
3. How do these discoveries affect her understanding of the island?

Chapter 16

1. Describe the significance of the sea otters to Karana.
2. How does she interact with them, and what does this reveal about her character?
3. What internal conflict does she experience regarding the otters?

Chapter 17

1. What seasonal changes does Karana observe on the island?
2. How do these changes affect her daily activities and survival strategies?
3. What preparations does she make for the coming winter?

Chapter 18

1. How does Karana's relationship with Rontu develop?
2. What activities do they do together, and how do they help Karana cope with loneliness?
3. Describe the changes in Karana's emotional state throughout this chapter.

Chapter 19

1. What new danger does Karana face, and how does she address it?
2. How does her resourcefulness help her overcome this challenge?
3. What does this chapter reveal about Karana's growing self-reliance?

Chapter 20

1. How does Karana adapt to the changing seasons on the island?
2. What new techniques does she develop for finding food and staying safe?
3. How does her connection to the natural world deepen?

Chapter 21

1. Describe Karana's observations of the Aleuts' return to the island.
2. How does she prepare for the possibility of encountering them?
3. What precautions does she take to remain hidden and safe?

Chapter 22

1. How does Karana's interaction with Tutok, the Aleut girl, unfold?
2. What initial challenges do they face in communicating and building trust?
3. How does their relationship evolve, and what impact does it have on Karana?

Chapter 23

1. How does Karana feel after Tutok leaves the island?
2. What changes occur in her routine and emotional state?
3. How does she cope with the renewed sense of isolation?

Chapter 24

1. Describe the new challenges Karana faces with the changing environment.
2. How does she adapt her survival strategies to these challenges?
3. What does her adaptability reveal about her character?

Chapter 25

1. How does Karana prepare for the arrival of another ship?
2. What emotions and thoughts does she experience during this time?
3. How does her anticipation of rescue influence her actions?

Chapter 26

1. What does Karana do when the ship arrives on the island?
2. How does she feel about the possibility of leaving the island?
3. Describe her preparations for departure.

Chapter 27

1. How does Karana's departure from the island unfold?
2. What emotions does she experience as she leaves her home?
3. What reflections does she have about her time on the island?

Chapter 28

1. How does Karana adapt to life after leaving the island?
2. What challenges does she face in adjusting to a new environment and community?
3. What is the significance of her journey and survival story?