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Summer Study Guide Questions

The Black Stallion

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Required for Incoming 7th Grade Students

Character Analysis – Describe each of the main character’s personalities, strengths, weaknesses, and physical descriptions.

Alec (Alexander Ramsey):

Joe Russo:

Henry Daily:

Napoleon:

The Black:

Chapter Review Questions

Chapters 1-3

1. Where is Alec's home? Where is he at the beginning of the story and why is he there?
2. What does Uncle Ralph give Alec for his birthday?
3. Discuss the first time Alec met the Black. What did he think of the horse? What does Alec take to the Black every night?
4. What happens on Alec's first night at sea? Why did it happen? How did he survive? What did he do to help the Black?
5. As they got closer to shore, Alec was in danger. Why? Why did Alec say, "Yes—Uncle Ralph—it did come in handy."?

6. Discuss some of the things Alec did during his first days on the island.

Chapters 4-6

1. Explain how Alec and the Black began to work together and trust each other.

2. How are they rescued?

3. How does Alec end up keeping the Black?

Chapters 7-9

1. Why do you think the Black has such a hard time when they first get to New York?

2. Where is the Black's new home going to be? Who is already living there and how is this a good thing?
3. What does Alec find out about Mr. Daily and what do they plan together?

Chapters 10-12

1. What problem did Henry discover that would prevent the Black from racing?
2. How does Alec earn money to pay for the Black's food?
3. What did the Black see for the first time and how did he react?
4. At the beginning of Chapter 12, why is Alec so excited he can't wait to get home? How did the Black react? Was there any success?

Chapters 13-15

1. Henry and Alec were sneaking around so no one would know they were going somewhere. What time was it, and where were they going? Why?
2. What did the Black do once he got on the track? How did Alec finally regain control of the Black?
4. Who are Cyclone and Sun Raider?
5. What did the letter from Arabia say? What was Alec and Henry's reaction?
6. What idea did Joe Russo have for getting the Black in a race?
7. Describe what happened at the track that night.

8. What did Jim write about in his column after he saw the Black?

9. What happened because of what Jim wrote?

Chapters 16-18

1. How did Alec go about asking his dad if he could race?

2. How is everyone getting to Chicago?

3. What did Alec have to do before he was allowed to go?

4. Who is the special guest the Black insisted must go also? How does he prove to be a great help?

5. What was Alec's response to seeing Cyclone and Sun Raider? What did he think of them? How do you think Alec feels about the race now that he has seen these two winners?

6. Describe what happened before the race?

7. No one thought the Black had a chance of winning. Why was that? What actually happened?

8. Describe how you were feeling during the race, and when it was finally over.

9. Who joined the Black in the winner's circle?

Vocabulary – Define these words according to their usage in this book. List the number of the page where you first run across the word.

1. ____ monotonous _____

2. ____ clambered _____

3. ____ uninhabited _____

4. ____ edible _____

5. ____ bedlam _____

6. ____ queasy _____

7. ____ accelerator _____

8. ____ glistened _____

9. ____ feverishly _____

10. ____ thoroughbred _____