Swiss Family Robinson
Reading Log

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Pre-Reading:
Shipwrecked

Discuss the following problem in your group. Make sure your answer is written in complete sentences.

If you could choose four other people, with specific professions, i.e doctor, lawyer, priest, carpenter, to be shipwrecked on a desert island with, who would you choose? Each member in your group must agree on your list and your group must have reasons for choosing each person.

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Chapter 1:
Vocabulary

Define each of the following words that appear in Chapter 1.

**tempest:** _______________________________________________________________
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**fortitude:** ______________________________________________________________
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**fore-part:** ______________________________________________________________
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**problematical:** __________________________________________________________
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**mutton:** ________________________________________________________________
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Chapter 1:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. The first sentence of the first chapter begins, “For many days we had been tempest-tossed.” How many days? What does the author mean by “tempest-tossed?”

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2. What were the names of the four sons in the family?

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3. What was the one thing that brought comfort to the family during the storm?

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4. When the storm was over and each family member went to get what might be most useful for them to escape with, where did each family member head? Do you think this says something of what their characters might develop into later in the story?

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5. What was the first thing the family did after reaching shore?

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6. What scared Jack so badly in the tidal pool?

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7. What convinced Father that they were near the equator?

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Chapter 2:
Vocabulary

Define each of the following words that appear in Chapter 2.
capering: 

inaccessible: 

cascade: 

excursion: 

precipitous: 

promontory: 

stratagem: 

sailcloth: 

ballast: 

maize: 

vigilant: 

cumbrous: 

preliminary: 

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Chapter 2:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. What did the family have for breakfast the first day on the island?

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2. Why did father insist on searching for any sailors that may have been washed ashore when those same sailors had abandoned them in the storm?

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3. How did father use the monkeys to get coconuts?

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4. What unusual bird did the family have for dinner?

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5. The second breakfast was much less sumptuous than the previous dinner. Ernest brought something back from the shore. What was it?

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6. What did father and Fritz chose to bring back from the ship?
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7. How did father and Fritz get the animals from the ship to the shore?
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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 2:
The Wolf, the Goat & the Cabbage

In Chapter 2, Fritz and Father have some trouble when bringing animals back from the ship. Read the situation below with your group members and attempt to come up with a solution.

You are on a ship which is wrecked on some rocks. There is a wolf, a goat and a cabbage – don’t ask me why! There is a boat which can take you to the beach, but it is very small. In fact, it will only take you and one of the animals or the vegetable. Now you know that wolves like to eat goats and goats like to eat cabbages so you decide not to leave the wolf with the goat or the goat with the cabbage. This means you must take the goat first. At least you know the wolf won’t eat the cabbage. Have you solved the problem?

Discuss the situation with your group members... Once you have come up with some ideas read on...

You have taken the goat to the beach, and returned to the wolf and the cabbage. But you still have a problem. If you take the wolf to the other side now, and come back for the cabbage, the wolf will eat the goat. If you take the cabbage to the other side now, and come back for the wolf, the goat will eat the cabbage. Is there any solution? There is, if you can work it out!

Use the space below to write out your solution to the problem.

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Chapter 3:
Vocabulary

Define each of the following words that appear in Chapter 3.
gallinaceous: ____________________________________________________________
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marmot: ______________________________________________________________ 
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phlegmatic: _____________________________________________________________
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porcupine: _____________________________________________________________
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Chapter 3:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. Explain how Jack made the dogs their collars.

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2. Why did mother allow the boys to carry guns on their expedition?

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3. Describe the “wood” that mother and the boys investigated. What was peculiar about these woods?

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4. Why weren’t the dogs hungry and begging for food as they had been?

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5. What happened to the shark that was shot in chapter two?

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6. How did the father and his sons determine if they had enough wood to build their bridge?

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7. Why do you think father gave the boys a reminder of safety precautions?

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8. What is a nomad and why did Ernest say that his family reminded him of one?

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9. What uses were the porcupine and ocelot put to use?

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10. How did father tame the flamingo?

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Chapter 4:
Vocabulary

Define each of the following words that appear in Chapter 4.

archery: _______________________________________________________________
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approbation: ___________________________________________________________
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vociferous: _____________________________________________________________
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vanilla: _______________________________________________________________
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prudence: ______________________________________________________________
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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 4:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. Even though the boys sprang awake, looking for something to do, why did father tell them to rest? Do you think he had valid reasons?

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2. One of the activities that is in this chapter was where father suggested naming their new geographical points. Do you think this was a smart decision? Give your reasons for your answer.

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3. What are some of the homemade items that the family made in this chapter and what purpose did they serve?

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4. What are some of the names of the family’s pets or wild animals that they had turned into pets? After the pet’s name, tell what kind of animal it was and one special attribute of the animal.

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5. What was so special about the plant that Ernest discovered?
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6. What lesson did father teach the boys about the plant that Ernest discovered?
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7. Name some of the other discoveries that the family made in this chapter.
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8. What is a naturalist? What is a botanist?
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9. How did father help Ernest to overcome one of his bad habits? What was the bad habit and why was it so bad?
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10. What strange beast did father and Ernest run into while returning to Falconhurst?
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11. How was Fritz trying to act maturely when Ernest got a lot of praise for the prizes he brought back with father?
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Chapter 5:
Vocabulary

Define each of the following words that appear in Chapter 5.

snuffbox: ______________________________________________________________
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cassava: ______________________________________________________________
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tortoise: ______________________________________________________________
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scone: ________________________________________________________________
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anvil: _________________________________________________________________
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frolic: ________________________________________________________________
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Chapter 5:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. Why did Father call Jack and Ernest a couple of “merry rogues”?
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2. Why was salt so important to the family?
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3. What did father and Fritz want to bring back from the ship? What did they actually bring back?
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4. Why were the common supplies more useful to them than the riches that they found in the chest filled with fancy goods?
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5. Why do you think father was so happy at finding the young fruit trees?
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6. What was the reason given for the ship to be carrying so much that was so useful to the Robinson family?
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7. How did Fritz capture the turtle and why was father so worried about it?
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8. What made mother the happiest?
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9. After they returned to the ship a second time, with Jack taking his turn, what did they find that was so important?
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10. What were the “little gentlemen” who awaited their return on the beach?
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11. Why didn’t mother at first like the tobacco graters?
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12. What did father really intend to use the tobacco graters for?

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Chapter 5:
Problems Solved!

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to the chapter if needed.
In Chapter 5, the family has many problems but they think of good answers. How do they answer each of these problems?

1. How can they get up the tree?

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2. How can they get the donkey across the river?

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3. What can they build a bridge with?

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4. How can they carry everything to their new home?

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5. How can they catch the chickens?

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6. How can the pig get across the river? (It refuses to use the bridge.)

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Chapter 6:
Vocabulary

Define each of the following words that appear in Chapter 6.

insuperable: _____________________________________________________________
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exploration: _____________________________________________________________
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expedition: _____________________________________________________________
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Iguana: ________________________________________________________________
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Guava: ________________________________________________________________
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assail: _________________________________________________________________
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Chapter 6:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. After figuring out how to provide bread for the family, father starts to again think of everything that has been left on the ship. Why do you think this is?

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2. What was the compromise that Mother and Father made with regard to the boys going with father to the boat? Why do you think compromising is a good idea in most circumstances?

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3. Why did father begin to feel he would never be able to make use of the little boat they had discovered in pieces in the hold in a previous chapter? Did he come up with a plan?

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4. What was brought back to Tentholm that first trip with the three older boys?

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5. What had mother been up to while father and the three older sons had spent their days on the ship?
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6. What was father’s purpose in keeping his sons active in athletics and other activities?
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7. What was causing the coconuts to come down after Ernest wished for one? What was the “hideous creature”?
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8. What were some of the other discoveries they made on their expedition?
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9. How did father capture the iguana?
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Swiss Family Robinson  
Chapter 6:  
Rope Ladder

Answer the following question with a partner. Make sure your answer is in complete sentences.

How did they make the rope ladder and get it into the tree? Use the following words in your answer.  
Clue: They didn’t use one of these things

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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 1 - 6:
Character Study

The opening chapters of “The Swiss Family Robinson” introduces us to the six members of the Robinson Family: Father, Mother, Franz, Fritz, Ernest, and Jack. We learn about these characters by what they say, what they do, and what other characters say about them. Careful study of these things will help us to become familiar with the story’s main characters. Each of the statements below describes one of the six main characters. Fill in the blank with the name of the character that best fits the given description.

1. This character narrates the story.

2. This character comes up with the idea of making swimming belts to escape the ship.

3. This character is described as “indolent” by the narrator.

4. This character is attacked by a lobster.

5. This character is reluctant to step into the water.

6. This character is described as “thoughtless” and “heedless” by the narrator.

7. These two characters first set out to explore the island.

8. These two characters returned to the ship to retrieve the animals left behind.

9. These four characters, on a second expedition to explore the island, discover a peaceful grove of huge trees.

10. This character suggests building a home up in one of the trees.

11. Rank the four children from oldest (first) to youngest (last).
Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 1 - 6:
The Swiss Family Robinson & Religion

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to the novel if needed and you will need to read some excerpts from the bible.

1. Fritz tells Franz, “We must not settle what God should do for us. We must have patience and wait His time.” Read Psalm 37:7, Psalm 10:14, Isaiah 30:18, and Nahum 1:7. Is it easy for you to wait for God’s timing? Why or why not? What do these verses tell us?

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2. On the first few pages of the novel, we find the family in great peril on a sinking ship. Father tells the family, “If the Lord will, He can save us even from this fearful peril; If not, let us calmly yield our lives into His hand, and think of the joy and blessedness of finding ourselves forever and ever united in that happy home above.” What does this tell us about the spiritual beliefs of the family?

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3. In Chapter 3, after breakfast, Father halts everyone and calls them to Morning Prayer. “We are only too ready, amid the cares and pleasures of his life, to forget the God to whom we owe all things.” Read Philippians 4:6-7 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. According to these verses, when and how should we pray?

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4. Father says, “We certainly did not expect to be so entirely alone – but what matters a few people, more or less? With God’s help, let us endeavor to live here contentedly, thankful that we were not cast upon some bare and inhospitable island.” Later, Mother says, “If it be the will of God... to leave us alone on this solitary place, let us be content; and rejoice that we are all together in safety.” How do their statements compare to Paul’s statement in Philippians 4:12-13?

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5. At the beginning of Chapter 1, as the storm threatens the ship the sailors “utter frantic cries to God for mercy, mingles with strange and often ludicrous vows, to be performed should deliverance be granted.” Why do people try to bargain with God? Can God be bargained with? Read Deuteronomy 23:21-23, Judges 11:30-40 and Ecclesiastes 5:4-7 What are the dangers in making vows? 

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Read Matthew 5:33-37. What does Jesus teach in these verses about making vows?

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6. As they wait on the wrecked ship for the storm to abate, Father tells his children that there is land not far off, and that they should attempt to reach it. He continues, “You know God helps those that help themselves!” Although this is a popular saying, it is not found explicitly in scripture. What is meant by this saying? Do you agree with this sentiment?

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Chapter 7:
Vocabulary

Define each of the following words that appear in Chapter 7.
chandler: ___________________________________________________________________
Hottentots: ___________________________________________________________________
Hillock: ___________________________________________________________________
Bale: ___________________________________________________________________
Caoutchouc (pronounced Koo-chook) : ___________________________________________________________________
Buskin: ___________________________________________________________________
Buffalo: ___________________________________________________________________
Gibbon: ___________________________________________________________________
Falconry: ___________________________________________________________________
Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 7:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. What was the first thing that father said needed doing?

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2. What discovery did father and Fritz make that was important for making candles?

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3. Can you identify the bird that father and Fritz saw that built the unusual, communal housing?

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4. What other animals besides the grosbeak, live communally?

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5. What important discovery did Fritz make that pleased his father so much and gave him confidence that he would be able to manufacture boots and shoes?

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6. Father and Fritz tried an unusual “delicacy” that was in the pith of the sago palm. What was it? Would you have been able to eat this?

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7. What did father do to help the cream not be wasted?

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8. What was father’s main desire to bring back from the ship on this trip?

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9. What all did they bring back on the final trips to the ship?

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10. Why do you think that father destroyed the remainder of the ship? Even though it was a planned event, why do you think they went to bed sad?

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11. In the morning, what helped to considerably ease their sadness?

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12. What did Ernest do that surprised everyone so?

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13. What did Ernest bring down from the tree that was worth all of the boys’ efforts to collect coconuts?

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14. Why was it so important to the family that they try and recapture their runaway donkey?

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15. Instead of a donkey, what did the father bring back?

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16. What new pet did Jack acquire and how did he get it?

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17. Why was mother so relieved when father talked to the boys about being responsible for the upkeep of their pets?

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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 8:
Vocabulary

Define each of the following words that appear in Chapter 8.

grafting: _______________________________________________________________
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cicatrize: _______________________________________________________________
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cicatrix: ________________________________________________________________
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gourmand: _____________________________________________________________
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conjecture: _____________________________________________________________
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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 8:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. Father was explaining the differences between wild and tame trees to Jack, in the beginning of this chapter. What do you think is the difference between wild and tame trees?

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2. In the book, mother’s only complaint of the tree house was that she disliked scaling the ladder. She asked father to find an alternative. What did father come up with?

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3. Who did they have to evict before they could continue with their plan?

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4. How long did it take father and the boys to construct their staircase?

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5. How were the animals made to be useful to the Robinson family?

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6. What kind of training did the animals require and why do you think this is so?

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7. What animal surprised them by coming home? What did it bring with it?

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8. After a couple of major projects were completed in this chapter, the Robinson family turned to storing their winter provisions. What kind of things did they store?

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9. The Robinson family, to their chagrin, could not live in their tree house during the heavy rains. Why do you think this is so?

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10. Where did the Robinson family move once the rains began?

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11. What do you think were some of the problems that the Robinson family had when they had to move down to their stables during the rainy season?

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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 9:
Vocabulary

Define each of the following words that appear in Chapter 9.

verdure: ________________________________________________________________
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vitiated: _______________________________________________________________
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signal rockets: ___________________________________________________________
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phenomenon: _____________________________________________________________
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herring: _______________________________________________________________
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gypsum: _______________________________________________________________
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quail: _________________________________________________________________
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rectilinear: _____________________________________________________________
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pliable: _______________________________________________________________
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allusion: _______________________________________________________________
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impetuous: _____________________________________________________________
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sturgeons: ______________________________________________________________
Swiss Family Robinson  
Chapter 9:  
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. Why do you think, the Robinson family were so happy for the rainy season to end?
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2. What did the damage to Falconhurst and Tentholm give father the impetus to do?
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3. It was Fritz’s idea to try and hollow out some stone to make a winter cellar for their goods. What were they surprised by when they were trying to do this?
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4. What were some of the things that the Robinson family did to make the cave more inhabitable and hospitable?
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5. How did they feel about the cave in comparison to their tree home?
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6. What is a “shoal of herrings” and why was the Robinson family so excited by it?

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7. The Robinson family slaughtered some seals. Why? What use did they put them to? Remember this book was originally written over 200 years ago, times have changed.

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8. There seemed to be such a wealth of animals and plants to harvest in this chapter and not all of them seemed to belong in the same area? Do you think it is possible to have all of the animals that have appeared thus far in the story live in the same area naturally?

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9. Name some of the new plants and animals that the family makes use of in this chapter.

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10. How did father make the floors of the cave nicer?

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11. What kind of activities did they have during their party?

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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 9:
Sledge

Answer the following question with a partner. Make sure your answer is in complete sentences.

How did they make the sledge and move it? Use the following words in your answer.

bamboo  nails  sticks  light  rope  wood  donkey
Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 10:
Vocabulary

Define each of the following words that appear in Chapter 9.

labyrinth: ______________________________________________________________
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cudgel: ______________________________________________________________
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durance: _______________________________________________________________
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gentry: _______________________________________________________________
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dovecote: _______________________________________________________________
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terra firma: _____________________________________________________________
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guava: _______________________________________________________________
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forge: _________________________________________________________________
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bellows: _______________________________________________________________
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baleen: ______________________________________________________________
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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 10:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. What was the purpose of the bird lime and what was it made from?
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2. How did father hope to prevent the monkey invasions from continuing at their outlying farms, such as at Woodlands? Why did he hope to stop this from happening? Why did father compare it to a battleground afterwards? Why did the boys become depressed?
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3. Why did father with to make a pigeon house?
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4. Describe in detail the pigeon house that the Robinson family built and how they acquired “tenants” for it.
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5. What did father want to make a loom for?
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6. How did father intend to bring water closer to the cave?

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7. There was a lot of activity to finish preparing for the winter. What kinds of foods were they storing?

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8. What were the various rooms that they set up in the cave home?

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9. What kind of things did father plan to keep them busy and intellectually stimulated through the 12 weeks of the rainy season?

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10. Do you think it was a good idea to keep everyone so busy? Support your answer.

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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 11:
Vocabulary

Define each of the following words that appear in Chapter 11.

putrefying: _____________________________________________________________  
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cogwheel: ______________________________________________________________  
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mattock: _______________________________________________________________  
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voracity: _______________________________________________________________  
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antediluvian: ____________________________________________________________  
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boa constrictor: __________________________________________________________  
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maw: _________________________________________________________________  
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undulation: _____________________________________________________________  
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galvanic: _______________________________________________________________  
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circumspection: _________________________________________________________  
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epitaph: _______________________________________________________________  
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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 11:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. What was the dirty job that the Robinson family needed to finish up at the beginning of this chapter?

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2. What did father use in place of glass in the windows for the cave?

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3. The boys had the idea to make something for their mother’s traveling comfort. What was it?

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4. Who was the unwelcome visitor?

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5. What tragedy occurred because of the unwelcome visitor?

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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 12:
Vocabulary

Define each of the following words that appear in Chapter 12.

arch-enemy: ____________________________________________________________  
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stalactites: ______________________________________________________________  
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eels: __________________________________________________________________ 
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nightingale: _____________________________________________________________  
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egret: _________________________________________________________________  
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heron: _________________________________________________________________  
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capybara: ______________________________________________________________  
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beaver rats: _____________________________________________________________  
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peccary: _______________________________________________________________  
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patriarchal: ______________________________________________________________  
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appease: _______________________________________________________________  
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ostrich: ________________________________________________________________  
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signalized: ______________________________________________________________  
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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 12:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. In the beginning of this chapter, father proposes two expeditions. What were the main objectives of each expedition?

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2. Who is the arch-enemy mentioned in this chapter?

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3. What is fuller’s earth and why was the mother so glad to have it?

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4. What kind of crystal was in the second cave that father and the boys discovered?

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5. The second expedition was to be longer than the first. How long did they think they would be?

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6. What are some of the new food discovered on the 2nd expedition?

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7. What are some of the items the family collected on the 2nd expedition? How was each item put to use by the family?

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8. What was “the greatest peril we have yet encountered” mentioned by father?

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9. To what purpose was all the bear parts put to?

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10. What was father’s reasoning behind letting all four of the boys go off on an expedition of their own?

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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 13:
Vocabulary

Define each of the following words that appear in Chapter 13.

angora: ________________________________________________________________
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gazelle: ________________________________________________________________
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recumbent: _____________________________________________________________
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menagerie: _____________________________________________________________
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courser: _______________________________________________________________
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refractory: ______________________________________________________________
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pepper: ________________________________________________________________
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cochineal: ______________________________________________________________
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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 13:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. What did the boys bring back with them that they acquired during their day of exploration on their own?

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2. Of all the things the boys brought back with them, what were father and mother happiest with?

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3. How did father propose to tame the ostrich?

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4. Keep a list of all the supplies that the Robinson family brought back from their excursion in this chapter.

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5. What two new “colonies” did father and Fritz establish?

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6. What were some of the home improvements that father made to Rockburg in this chapter?

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7. What scripture did father apply to their agriculture?
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8. Describe the saddle and bridle that father fashioned for the ostrich and how it worked.
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9. Describe how and what father made with the porcelain clay that he brought back.
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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 14:
Vocabulary

Define each of the following words that appear in Chapter 14.

germinate: ______________________________________________________________
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ambrosia: ______________________________________________________________
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threshing: ______________________________________________________________
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winnowing: _____________________________________________________________
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culinary: _______________________________________________________________
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mead: _________________________________________________________________
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harpoon: _______________________________________________________________
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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 14:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. At the very beginning of this chapter, the rainy winter season began. Despite the new living quarters in the cave, the family became depressed. Why do you think this is so? What do you think they could have done to prevent this from happening?

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2. What activity did father and Fritz come up with to occupy their hands and their minds? Why was mother none too happy about it?

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3. What was mother’s surprise that she made from the seaweed?

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4. What all did the boys bring back from their game hunt?

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5. What contraption did father create to help him to skin the animals much more easily? How did it work?

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6. What did father need to build the “crushing machine” for? What did he make it out of?

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Chapter 14:
Fill in the Blank

Complete these sentences about the information in Chapter 14 with words from the box.

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1. We were very pleased when the __________________ ended.
2. We came out of our dark, smelly __________________.
3. ‘I can’t live through another __________________ like that.’ said my wife.
4. ‘I’m sure that the first men didn’t live in __________________ like monkeys.’
5. ‘They lived in __________________ and we must find one too.’
6. I couldn’t find a __________________ that was big enough.
7. I said, ‘We can try to make one bigger but the __________________ is very hard.’
8. ‘Bring the __________________ and we’ll try.’
9. One day Jack said, ‘I’ve made a __________________ right through.’
10. We made the hole bigger and I put my __________________ in.
11. The __________________ was really bad.
12. We used some of our __________________ and the bad air came out.
13. We lit a __________________ and it burned brightly.
14. We made the __________________ of the cave bigger.
15. The walls of the cave were covered in __________________.
16. We made another hole at the other __________________ of the cave and a hole for the fire.
17. We lit a fire and the __________________ went out of the cave.
18. “Now I can cook and dry your __________________ in winter,” my wife said.
Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 15:
Vocabulary

Define each of the following words that appear in Chapter 15.

clove: ________________________________________________________________

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pemmican: _____________________________________________________________

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sugar mill: ______________________________________________________________

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hyena: ________________________________________________________________

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tapir: _________________________________________________________________

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exquisite: ______________________________________________________________

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millet: _________________________________________________________________

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cacao: _________________________________________________________________

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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 15:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. What animal did Fritz harpoon?
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2. What were father’s reasons for being worried by the animal that Fritz harpooned?
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3. What did father “value above a thousand such creatures”?
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4. Why do you think the boys grew restless? What did they do to relieve their restlessness? Who all went?
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5. What was the “pigeon post” that was mentioned in this chapter?
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6. What was making the “hysterical sound of laughter” the boys heard?
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7. How did the boys deal with the monkeys that had destroyed one of the family’s outlying farmsteads?

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8. Why did the boys ask their father to hurry and come to them?

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9. What animal was it that had broken down the barrier and trampled everything?

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10. How did father propose to keep the animals from returning and causing even more damage?

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11. What was the “moist secret”?

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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 15:
Question of Religion?

Answer the following question in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

In many modern editions of The Swiss Family Robinson an important piece of the family’s behavior has been removed. -- [the family’s spirituality] -- In this chapter if you were to remove the mention of prayer and thanksgiving from the storm scene sequence, do you think that it would have the same emotional impact on the reader? Do you think that the family’s spirituality plays a significant role in the development of the characters personalities? Would removing this spirituality from all parts of the story affect your perception of the characters in any way?

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Chapter 16:
Vocabulary

Define each of the following words that appear in Chapter 16.

walrus: ________________________________________________________________
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pearl: _________________________________________________________________
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albatross: ______________________________________________________________
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boar: _________________________________________________________________
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au revoir: ______________________________________________________________
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truffle:_________________________________________________________________
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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 16:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. Who was the historical figure that Father quoted at the beginning of this chapter?

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2. What was Father's "great wish" for young people who read the account of the Robinson family?

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3. Why do you think they skipped several years and jumped to "ten years later" in the story?

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4. What changes had occurred during the span of years that wasn't covered in the story line?

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5. What did not thrive on “whale island”?

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6. How old was each son in this chapter?

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7. Why did father occasionally become depressed?

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8. What was it that Fritz would only tell to Father?

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9. What bounded Jack to pieces?

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10. There was a sad tragedy in this story. One of the original castaways died in the fight with the lioness. Who was it?

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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 17 & 18:
Vocabulary

Define each of the following words that appear in Chapter 17 & 18.

Malay: ________________________________________________________________
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pirates: ________________________________________________________________
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Toucan: ________________________________________________________________
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equanimitiy: _____________________________________________________________
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inanimate: ______________________________________________________________
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quay: _________________________________________________________________
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palfrey: ________________________________________________________________
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reconnaissance: __________________________________________________________
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denote: ________________________________________________________________
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elicit: _________________________________________________________________
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Swiss Family Robinson
Chapter 17 & 18:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. What did the submerged rock actually turn out to be?

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2. Who was the "black and savage stranger"?

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3. Who was the "fair stranger" and why were they at first disguised?

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4. What did Fritz have to go through to rescue the "fair stranger"?

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5. Another faithful pet dies in chapter 17. Who was it?

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6. How long was the fair stranger marooned before Fritz found her?

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7. Miss Montrose had a particular pet of her own. What was it?

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8. Who was Coco and why was he considered a "deserter"?

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9. Why did the "dreary season" seem so short and pleasant this time?

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10. Who remained on "New Switzerland" and who returned to Europe?

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Swiss Family Robinson
Conclusion:
Would I Stay or Would I Go?

Answer the following question in complete sentences. Your answer should be at least 15 sentences long. Use information that you read about in the book to support your answer.

If you were a member of the Robinson Family, after everything you and your family have gone through, if given the opportunity to leave, would you choose to stay on the island or travel back to Europe?

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Conclusion:
Crossword Puzzle