

## Stuart Little

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### Chapter One

1. Why was Stuart's bed made out of a cigarette box? Beds are not normally made out of such items. 1 mark
2. 'Unlike most babies' find the paragraph that opens in this way. What could Stuart do from birth? 1 mark
3. Pages 2- 3: why did mother call for a doctor? Copy the right part from the text to prove your answer. 2 marks
4. Page 3 Find the word 'solemnly'. Read on to decide what 'solemnly' must mean. 1 mark
5. Page 4: what made it hard to find the ring? 1 mark
6. What was the first strategy used to try and find the ring? 1 mark
7. Page 6 ' it was alright'. How do we know it was not really alright down the drain? 2 marks
8. What does this chapter let us know of Stuart's character? Form 3 opinions and use the text to copy evidence to prove each of your points of view. 3 marks

### Chapter Two

1. Page 8: what must 'perspiration' mean? 1 mark
2. Why did Stuart have to go into the piano? 2 marks
3. Page 10: what did Stuart like about being in the piano? 2 marks
4. Page 11: what do you think 'belittling' means? 1 mark
5. Page 13: why is Mr Little nervous about the hole? 2 marks
6. What do you think of Mr Little? Form three opinions and back each up with evidence from the text. 3 marks

### Chapter Three

1. Read the opening paragraph. Why does Stuart like the morning? 3 times

2. Page 16: how was Stuart able to switch on the bathroom light? Why was this needed? 2 marks
3. Page 18: copy the phrase that tells you George moves away from making the brace. 1 mark
4. How did Stuart manage to turn the tap on eventually? 1 mark
5. How would you describe Stuart's brother George? Find and copy evidence from the text to back up your opinions. 3 marks

#### Chapter Four

1. Page 21 'as was his custom'. Reading the part this is in, what must this mean? 1 mark
2. Page 22: why does Stuart do the exercise? 1 mark
3. How do we know the cat is annoyed with Stuart? 2 marks
4. Why does Stuart behave like an acrobat to the cat? 2 marks
5. Why did Mrs Little think Stuart was down the mousehole? 1 mark
6. What is the name of the cat? 1 mark  
What do you think of the cat? 2 marks

#### Chapter Five

1. Page 26: why do you think Mr Little does not go with George's suggestion? 1 mark
2. Page 27 Why does Mrs Little begin to cry? 2 marks
3. Why could the family not hear Stuart when he replied to their calls? 1 mark
4. Page 29 'hung up in disgust'. Why do you think the man phoned about Missing Persons did this? 2 marks

5. Page 30: copy the phrase that tells you George really wanted to find Stuart. 1 mark
6. Page 31: why do you think the family tried not to stare at the empty seat? 2 marks
7. Page 31: copy the phrase that explains why George was pulling down the blinds. 1 mark
8. Stuart does not tell the family what Snowbell had done. Why do you think this is?

#### Chapter Six

1. Page 34: why was Stuart not noticed by people? 1 mark
2. How did Stuart get onto the bus? 1 mark
3. Why did Stuart decide not to carry coins any more? 2 marks
4. Page 37: why is Stuart so angry with the bus conductor? 1 mark
5. What reason does the bus conductor give for the way he speaks to Stuart? 1 mark
6. Page 39. Find the hyphenated word. Why is this hyphenated? 1 mark
7. Page 40: what did the man admire about Stuart? Copy the parts 2 marks
8. Page 41: why does Stuart say he also hates the Lillian? Copy the word that tells you. 1 mark
9. Page 43: what did Stuart do because he was so happy? 1 mark

#### Chapter Seven

1. The opening paragraph says that people came running – why did they do this? Copy the part that tells you. 1 mark

2. Page 46: how did Le Roy try to encourage Stuart to steer his own boat? 2 marks
3. Page 48: how did the policeman end up in the pond? 2 marks
4. Page 49: copy the phrases that tell you why the policeman made the type of wave he did. 2 marks
5. Page 50: why were the people cheering? 1 mark
6. Page 51: what must a barometer be? 1 mark
7. Page 56: what must the word 'perceived' mean? 1 mark  
Why is Stuart feeling 'great joy'?
8. In the last line, Stuart uses 'knocking' in an interesting way. What does he mean? 2 marks

#### Chapter Eight

1. Opening paragraph: Why was Stuart hard to find around the house? 1 mark
2. Which word shows they could hardly ever find Stuart? 1 mark
3. How did Stuart get locked into the fridge? 2 marks
4. Paragraph starting with: 'but his voice...'. Which word means 'to go through'? 1 mark
5. 'Chilled to the bone' what is meant by this phrase? 1 mark
6. What does Stuart suggest he has to warm himself up? 1 mark
7. Page 61; why is the word 'scientifically' used to describe how George spoke? 1 mark
8. Name two things the family did that helped the bird to get better. 2 marks
9. Page 65: why is the word 'hopped' used to describe how the bird moved? 1 mark
10. What about Snowbell made Stuart distrust him? 1 mark

## Chapter Nine

1. Opening paragraph: why did Margalo stay at the Little's home longer?  
1 mark
2. Page 71: find the word 'shinny' and read the sentence it is in. What could it mean? 1 mark
3. Page 72: read the paragraph that describes what Stuart got on him from the rubbish. Why do you think the author writes about so many things that have got onto Stuart's clothes? 2 marks
4. Page 73: copy the phrase that shows the reason why Stuart could not climb out of the truck. 1 mark
5. How did Margalo know where Stuart was? 1 mark
6. Page 77: how did Margalo explain that being sick was okay? 1 mark
7. What was making Stuart feel so heavy? 1 mark
8. How did Margalo earn her cake at the end of the chapter? 1 mark
9. Write three thoughts Mr Little must have had when he heard their story.

## Chapter Ten

1. Name three different types of cats that are mentioned in the opening of the chapter. 2 marks
2. How did Snowbell explain why he did not do anything to Margalo and Stuart? 2 marks
3. Page 85. Why did the cats not hear the pigeon? 1 mark
4. Page 86. Copy the phrase that Snowbell uses to tell Angora it is wrong for him to enter the Little's home. 1 mark
5. What is the purpose of the pigeon? Why does the author introduce this character do you think? 2 marks

## Chapter Eleven

1. In the opening page, Stuart knows that Margalo has not gone to meet her husband. Why do you think he is so sure? 2 marks
2. Why do you think Stuart is crying about Margalo being gone? 2 marks
3. How does the author show just how much Stuart missed Margalo? 2 marks
4. Page 93: what lets us know that the doctor is going to be a while with his patient? 1 mark
5. Page 94: what must 'pincers' be? 1 mark
6. Page 99: what was the 'awkward situation'? 1 mark
7. Page 101. How is the picture built up in the reader's mind of just how damaged the car is? 2 marks
8. Name all the things that made Stuart feel unhappy at the end of the chapter.

## Chapter Twelve

1. Why is the superintendent worried? 2 marks
2. Page 107: how does Stuart say he will ensure the class is disciplined? 1 mark
3. Page 108: 'the news travelled fast'. What was the news? 2 marks
4. Pages 110- 111: copy phrases used by the author to describe how Stuart is that makes the pupils obey him. 3 marks
5. Page 112: what other word is used instead of 'pupils' ? 1 mark
6. 'Oh fish feathers'. Find the paragraph that opens with this phrase. What does Stuart say is more important than size? 2 marks
7. What reason is given for rats not going out in the open? 1 mark
8. Why will Katharine never sell her pillow? 1 mark

## Chapter Thirteen

1. In the opening paragraph, write three things the author says about the town that supports the line 'the loveliest town'. 3 marks
2. Page 125-126: why would Stuart not stay in the town? 1 mark

3. Page 128: why does the shop keeper ask Stuart what size he is? 1 mark
4. Page 132: copy the phrase that shows just how startled Stuart is on seeing Harriet 1 mark
5. Page 133: what must 'correspondence' mean? 1 mark
6. Which words does the author use to show that Stuart moved sneakily after seeing Harriet? Why do you think he moves in this way? 2 marks
7. Page 134: which word is used that means the same as 'positive'? 1 mark
8. Page 135: why does Stuart think Harriet's parents may object? 2 marks
9. Page 136. How does Stuart explain why he is 'camped by the riverbed'? 1 mark
10. What was used instead of paddles? 1 mark
11. In what manner does Stuart write the letter to Harriet? What does this show about him? Copy words and phrases from the letter to back up your point of view. 3 marks

#### Chapter Fourteen

1. In the opening page, Stuart feels he has been 'swindled'. How? 1 mark
2. Page 143: why do you think Stuart imagines 'every detail' of his time with Harriet? 2 marks
3. How does Stuart fix and make the boat better? 3 marks
4. Page 144: copy the phrase that is the reason why Stuart thinks his letter may go unnoticed. 1 mark
5. Why did Stuart have to keep changing his shirt? 1 mark
6. Why could they not find the boat at first? 1 mark
7. Copy a phrase that shows just how sad Stuart felt when he saw the boat was not where he had left it. 1 mark.
8. Stuart and Harriet react to using the boat in different ways. Sum up their reactions. Why do you think this is? 3 marks
9. The chapter ends with Stuart having 'broken dreams'. What is meant by this? 1 mark

## Chapter Fifteen

1. Page 154: why does Stuart 'never let a bird pass'? 1 mark
2. Page 157: why does Stuart wish the telephone repair man 'fair skies and a tight grip'? 2 marks
3. Page 158: what is meant by the phrase: 'I'll keep my eyes open' 1 mark
4. The book ends in an unexpected way. What is unexpected about it?  
  
How does this make you feel, as the reader?
5. Where do you think Stuart will find Margalo?
6. What will the Littles say when Stuart returns home?