

Questions – The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks

Characters

1. In what book would you find Omri, a boy celebrating his birthday?
2. Where would you find Patrick, Omri's best friend?
3. Where would you find Adiel, an oldest brother?
4. Which book has Gillon, an older brother?
5. Where would you find Little Bear, the Indian?
6. Where would you find Tommy Atkins, a World War I Medic?
7. In what book would you find the cowboy, Boone?
8. Where would you find the Indian, Bright Stars?
9. Where would you find April, a particularly nasty student at the school?
10. In what book would you find Mr. Johnson, the headmaster?
11. In what book would you find Miss Hilton, the teacher?
12. In what book would you find Mr. Yapp, the storeowner?

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What gift did Patrick give Omri for his birthday?
 - a. *A secondhand plastic Indian*
 - b. A secondhand plastic cowboy
 - c. A brand new plastic Indian
2. Was Omri pleased with Patrick's gift?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
3. What was Omri's dearest wish for a birthday gift?
 - a. A bike complete with kickboard and kryptonite wheels
 - b. *A skateboard complete with kickboard and kryptonite wheels*
 - c. A cabinet that locked
4. What birthday gift did Adiel give Omri?
 - a. A basket
 - b. *A helmet*
 - c. A baseball bat
5. What birthday gift did Gillon find for Omri?
 - a. A dollar
 - b. A skateboard
 - c. *A small white cupboard*
6. Why did Omri like the cupboard he received from Gillon?
 - a. *He likes arranging things in cupboards and then opening them later and finding them just as he left them*
 - b. He likes having a place to put his things
 - c. He likes the look of cupboards

7. What was special about the key Omri found to lock his white cupboard?
 - a. It was his great-grandmother's favorite key and his great-grandmother had always worn it around her neck.
 - b. It was the key to his mother's favorite jewel box and his mother always wore the key around her neck
 - c. *It was the key to his great-grandmother's jewel box and had been given to his mother as a keep sake. She had worn it around her neck for years until the ribbon broke.*
8. What did Omri lock in the cabinet that first night?
 - a. His ear medicine
 - b. *The Indian Patrick gave to him*
 - c. Nothing
9. What happened to Omri's Indian when he locked it in the cabinet?
 - a. *It became a live Indian*
 - b. It changed colors
 - c. It became a cowboy
10. What did the Indian do when Omri first tried to pick him up?
 - a. Jumped into Omri's hand
 - b. Ran away
 - c. *Stabbed Omri with a knife*
11. How tall was the Indian?
 - a. *Just under 3 inches*
 - b. Just under 4 inches
 - c. Just under 2 inches
12. In what did Little Bear, the Indian, sleep his first night?
 - a. In the open air
 - b. *A teepee*
 - c. A longhouse
13. Why did the Indian think Omri was the Big White Spirit?
 - a. Omri brought the Indian to life
 - b. Omri brought the Indian food
 - c. *Omri turned the lights on and off*
14. What objects could be turned to life in the cabinet?
 - a. All objects
 - b. *Plastic objects*
 - c. Metal objects
15. Why does Little Bear not have a wife?
 - a. He is single
 - b. He is divorced
 - c. *His wife has died*
16. Where did Omri take Little Bear and the horse for their first ride?
 - a. *On the path in his back yard*
 - b. In the grass in his back yard
 - c. On the path in the park
17. How did Little Bear's leg get injured?
 - a. When Omri threw him to the ground
 - b. *When the horse kicked him after Omri squeezed the box*

- c. When the horse threw Little Bear
18. What did Omri use as disinfectant for Little Bear's leg?
 - a. *Listerine diluted in warm water*
 - b. Warm water
 - c. Alcohol
19. Who or what did Omri find to fix Little Bear's leg when the horse kicked him?
 - a. A cowboy
 - b. Supplies from his mother's cabinet
 - c. *A World War I soldier that he brought to life just long enough to bandage the leg*
20. What did Tommy the medic think was happening when he was bandaging Little Bear's leg?
 - a. That he was in the middle of powerful magic
 - b. *That he was in the middle of a dream*
 - c. That Omri was a God
21. From where did Omri get the ax (battle-ax) for Little Bear to use building his long-house?
 - a. *From a medieval knight plastic figure*
 - b. From his brother, Adiel
 - c. From another Indian plastic figure
22. What book did Omri choose to read on his second morning at school after getting Little Bear?
 - a. All About Indians
 - b. The Iroquois and the Sioux
 - c. *On the Trail of the Iroquois*
23. What did Omri buy at Yapp's during his lunch time at school on the second day after getting Little Bear?
 - a. *An Indian Chief* (so Little Bear would have bow and arrows)
 - b. An Indian Maiden
 - c. A Cowboy
24. What did Omri make for Little Bear in his handicrafts period at school?
 - a. *A tepee*
 - b. A headdress
 - c. A longhouse
25. What happened with the Indian Chief when Omri briefly turned the plastic figurine to life to get the bow, arrows and head dress?
 - a. The chief escaped into Omri's bedroom
 - b. *The chief died*
 - c. The chief stabbed Omri
26. What did Omri's father make him replace with his own money?
 - a. The firestarter
 - b. The cupboard
 - c. *A seed tray and marrow seeds*
27. What did Omri use to make the fire on which Little Bear could cook his meat?
 - a. A propane stove from Adiel's camping kit
 - b. Twigs and a ball of tar he picked up from road construction

- c. *Twigs and a firelighter from his family's fireplace*
28. What meat did Omri find in the refrigerator for Little Bear to cook?
- A piece of bear
 - A piece of steak*
 - A piece of deer
29. How did Little Bear's steak dinner get ruined?
- Patrick got mad at Omri and wrecked the meat
 - Omri got mad at Little Bear and wrecked the meat
 - Omri and Patrick started fighting over Patrick creating another little man and knocked over the plate containing the fire and the meat*
30. What did Boone do when he first saw Patrick?
- Stuck a knife in his hand
 - Shot him in the face*
 - Bit his finger
31. What is Boone's nickname?
- Speedy Gonzales
 - Boohoo*
 - Mister Soft-heart
32. Why does Little Bear agree to not kill Boone?
- So Omri will take him to school and then to Yapp's to pick out his own bride (plastic figurine)
 - Because he has come to like Boone
 - So Omri will get him a good breakfast
33. What does Omri cook and serve Little Bear and Boone for breakfast?
- Steak, eggs and coffee
 - Bacon, eggs and toast
 - Eggs, beans and bread*
34. Why did Omri put Little Bear and Boone in separate pockets when he took them to school?
- So they would have enough room
 - So they would not fight or quarrel*
 - So they could sleep
35. Why did Mr. Johnson send Omri and Patrick out of the assembly at school?
- Because Omri was yelling "Ow!" over and over when Little Bear was sticking his knife into Omri's hip to get his attention*
 - Because Omri was yelling "Ow!" over and over when Patrick was poking him with a pencil
 - Because Omri was yelling "Ow!" over and over to disrupt the assembly so he and Patrick could get outside
36. Why did Little Bear poke Omri over and over with his knife during the assembly at school?
- Because he couldn't breathe in the pocket
 - Because he was hungry
 - Because he was bored*
37. How did Little Bear and Boone decide to overcome their boredom at school?

- a. By sitting on Patrick and Omri's shoulders for the rest of the day
 - b. *By staying together for the rest of the day*
 - c. By going home for the rest of the day
38. What happened when Patrick had the men at lunch time?
- a. *Patrick got in a pushing fight with the girl and boy sitting on either side of him.*
 - b. Patrick dropped his food tray and could not feed the men
 - c. Patrick had no trouble feeding the men
39. Where did Patrick end up feeding the men?
- a. The toilet
 - b. The playground
 - c. *The music room*
40. Why did Omri and Patrick get send to the headmaster's (Mr. Johnson) office?
- a. For fighting
 - b. *For disturbing the class after Patrick came in late*
 - c. Because Patrick came in late
41. Why did Patrick show Little Bear and Boone to Mr. Johnson?
- a. Because he wanted to show them off
 - b. So he could get out of a paddling
 - c. *So Mr. Johnson would not call his father*
42. Why couldn't Omri stop Patrick from showing the men to Mr. Johnson?
- a. Mr. Johnson held him back
 - b. *Mr. Johnson forced him out of the office*
 - c. Patrick pushed him out of the way
43. What was Mr. Johnson's reaction to seeing Little Bear and Boone?
- a. He was excited and wanted to hold them
 - b. He was scared but asked a lot of questions
 - c. *He thought he was seeing things. He went white as a ghost. He didn't believe in the men.*
44. What was Little Bear and Boone's reaction to Mr. Johnson?
- a. *They were terrified, trembling, clinging to each other and trying to hide*
 - b. Little Bear was tough, challenging, and Boone was crying
 - c. They were a little scared but OK
45. What did Boone draw on Omri's paper in Art class?
- a. A gun fight scene
 - b. *A prairie town*
 - c. A town set on a lake
46. What year was Boone from?
- a. *The last year Boone saw was 1889*
 - b. The last year Boone saw was 1789
 - c. The last year Boone saw was 1899
47. How did the teacher react to Boone's drawing in Art class?
- a. She thought it was no big deal
 - b. *She was amazed and stupefied, and examined it with a magnifying glass*
 - c. She yelled at Omri for wasting his time on such a small drawing

48. What did Boone think of all the plastic figures at Yapp's store?
 - a. *He thought they were all dead bodies that had been in a massacre*
 - b. He thought that Omri could bring more of his friends to life
 - c. He thought they were toys for him to play with
49. Of what did Mr. Yapp accuse Omri?
 - a. Not having enough money
 - b. Breaking some of the plastic figurines
 - c. *Stealing two of his plastic figurines—Boone and Little Bear*
50. What happened to the cupboard when Omri got home from school?
 - a. Adiel had broken it
 - b. *Adiel had hidden it*
 - c. Omri's mother had thrown it away
51. Why had Adiel hidden the cupboard?
 - a. *He thought Omri had hidden his football shorts*
 - b. He just loved to torment Omri
 - c. He thought Omri had hidden his favorite book
52. What was wrong when Omri and Patrick found the cupboard in the attic?
 - a. The cupboard was broken
 - b. *The key was missing*
 - c. The cupboard could not be opened
53. Why did Little Bear shoot Boone with an arrow?
 - a. He just felt like it
 - b. Boone said something bad about the plastic figurine Little Bear wanted to make his wife
 - c. *Boone was taunting Little Bear over a Western on TV where white men were fighting Indians*
54. Where had the key fallen?
 - a. Under the dresser in Omri's room
 - b. Under the stairs
 - c. *Under the floorboards in Omri's room*
55. How did they recover the key?
 - a. *Little Bear had to go under the floor and find it*
 - b. Patrick and Omri were able to see the key and retrieve it
 - c. Gillon's rat deposited the key under Omri's bed
56. How did Omri catch Gillon's rat?
 - a. With a baited trap
 - b. *After a long, patient wait with cheese and a fishing net*
 - c. With his bare hands
57. What happened after Omri brought Bright Stars to life?
 - a. She jumped out of the cupboard into Patrick's hands
 - b. *She walked out of the cupboard, circled Little Bear, then sat down on the other side of Boone and watched both Boone and Little Bear*
 - c. She walked out of the cupboard, circled Little Bear and Boone, then woke up Little Bear and talked with him

58. What do you do in the “brotherhood ceremony”?
- Cut each “brothers” wrists, bind them together to mix the blood, and say appropriate chants*
 - Cut each “brother’s” big toes, bind them together to mix the blood, and say appropriate chants
 - Cut each “brother’s” index fingers, bind them together to mix the blood, and say appropriate chants
59. What did Omri do with the plastic figurine of Little Bear, Bright Stars and the horse at the end?
- Put them in his pocket
 - Put them in the cabinet
 - Put them on the shelf nearest his bed*
60. What did Patrick do with the plastic figurine of Boone and his horse at the end?
- Put them in his pocket*
 - Put them in the cabinet
 - Put them on a shelf nearest his bed
61. What did Omri do with the key at the end?
- Gave it to Adiel for safekeeping
 - Gave it to his mother for safekeeping*
 - Hid it under the floor for safekeeping
62. What did Omri and Patrick decide to do with the cabinet
- Leave it empty, just in case*
 - Fill it with bottles of pills and stuff
 - Fill it with plastic figurines