

# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Battle of the Books

## Saving Shiloh

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### Main Characters:

Shiloh, Judd Travers, Marty Preston, Dara Lynn (7year old sister), Becky (3 year old sister), Mom, Dad, David Howard

### Questions

#### Chapter 1

1. Where does the story take place? Shiloh, West Virginia
2. Who did Marty get Shiloh from? Judd Travers
3. Why was Ma nervous about the kids going trick or treating by themselves? Judd Travers gets drunk and could hit one of the kids
4. How did the townspeople view Judd Travers? They helped him after the accident but basically wanted him out of town
5. What did Ma tell the kids that was going to be a surprise for them this Thanksgiving dinner? They were inviting Judd for dinner

#### Chapter 2

6. How did Marty's friends react when he told them that Judd was coming for dinner? Thought they were crazy
7. How would you have reacted having Judd in you house?
8. In you own words describe what you think he looks like.
9. Why did Dad take Marty in the car to pick up Judd? Explain to him to be respectful to Judd. Marty said he would as long as he doesn't take Shiloh
10. How did Shiloh react when he saw Judd? Went inside and didn't wag his tail any more
11. What present did Judd bring Ma? Squirrel meat not skinned
12. How would you like such a present?
13. Who is Marty's best friend? David Howard
14. What did Judd talk about at dinner? The way he got a turkey caller and blew the heads off turkeys
15. What did Becky say to Judd? We'll blow your head off

#### Chapter 3

16. Who really found Judd in the ditch when he had his accident? Shiloh
17. Why was dad mad when he got home after dropping off Judd? No one talked at dinner and he wanted it to go smoother
18. What did dad show Marty how to do after dinner? Skin a squirrel
19. How does Marty react about skinning the squirrel? Want to throw up and become a vegetarian
20. What doesn't Marty want Shiloh turned into a hunting dog?
21. What does Marty take to Judd's the next day? Squirrel stew

#### Chapter 4

22. What did Marty do that his mom asks him to do but didn't really want to? Take squirrel stew to Judd's.
23. How did Marty get Shiloh? He ran away from Judd and Marty hid him in the barn

24. What secret did David Howard tell Marty? Judd got in a fight with a guy from Bens Run before his accident and now the guy is missing. David speculates that Judd killed him and got in the accident to cover it up.
25. How did they get this information? David's dad is a reporter for the newspaper.

#### Chapter 5

26. Where does Marty work on Sat. mornings? John Collins the vet in town
27. What does Marty's dad do? Mailman
28. Where does dad tell the family they're going for Christmas? Aunt Hettie's and Grandma Preston's in the nursing home
29. What happens when the kids are sledding that makes them stop? Hear gunshots
30. Who did they think it was shooting? Judd

#### Chapter 6

31. Why did Marty and David want to check out the creek bank? To see if missing person from Bens Run is there.
32. When the family went out o Christmas who did they leave behind? Shiloh because mom said he could guard the place
33. What presents did they give grandma? Robe
34. How did she react? Wanted a robe with pockets, grandma was getting old
35. Where was Shiloh when they got home? No where around

#### Chapter 7

36. When Shiloh comes home what does he have? Orange rag and comes home with black lab
37. Did David Howard get a lot or a little for Christmas? Lots of presents
38. When David came over where did they go? To the river bank
39. What did they find? A man's boot

#### Chapter 8

40. Who does David think the boot belongs to? Man from Bulls Run that got killed
41. Did Marty believe him? No thinks David is using his imagination.
42. Where did Marty tell dad he was going? Check out Judd to see how he is doing
43. When Marty showed Judd the boot what was his reaction? Judd said it was his maybe from the accident
44. When Mary gets home what does David tell him? They found the guy from Bens Run and he is dead

#### Chapter 9

45. When Marty went back to school what did his friend say about Judd? Judd murdered the guy from Bens Run
46. What was Marty's opinion? Didn't think he did it
47. Who said Judd was guilty? Ed Sholt
48. Who saved Shiloh when he got in a fight with a German shepherd? Doc Collins
49. Why does Marty want Doc's fence? To give to Judd so his dos can run and not be chained up
50. What did Judd originally say about Marty giving him the fence? Didn't want it

#### Chapter 10

51. Why was Marty so mad at Judd and what happened after the phone call? Judd changed his mind and wanted the fence and called Marty to tell him.
52. What does Marty volunteer his dad to do? Pick up the fence at Doc's and install it at Judd's.
53. How did Judd react when they put in the fence? Very grateful

## Chapter 11

54. When Marty told David he saw a light outside at night, what did David think it was? Someone (Judd) looking for the murder weapon
55. What story did Fred Niles tell on the bus? Someone stole 2 jackets and a shotgun from his house
56. Who did they suspect? Judd
57. Who sticks up for Judd when everyone accuses him of wrongdoing? Marty
58. How do you think Judd felt?
59. Is it tough to stick up for someone if everyone is accusing them of wrongdoing?

## Chapter 12

60. Why couldn't David spend the weekend at Marty's? Grandma die of pneumonia and they're going to Clarksburg
61. What happened to Dara Lynn at the cemetery? Almost fell in the grave
62. Why was Shiloh barking when they got home from the Grandma's funeral? Someone came to their barn and stole Dad's shears, knife and lantern
63. Who did they remember was the last person that saw them before leaving for Clarksburg? Judd

## Chapter 13

64. What weather event happened in Friendly? 30 inch snow storm
65. Who comes to plow them out? Judd
66. What does Marty see in his truck? New jacket and was wondering if the shotgun was his

## Chapter 14

67. What are some worries with a big snow storm?
68. Where did Marty and David go exploring? By the gristmill by the Middle Island Creek
69. What happened to the Shiloh school? Roof caved in from all the snow\What did they notice in the snow? Fresh footprints from the school to the outhouse
70. What did they find inside the school? Dad's lantern, blanket and looked like a man under the rafters

## Chapter 15

71. What did David and Marty do after they saw the boots and stuff at the schoolhouse? Ran home to tell Ma who called the sheriff.
72. What did the sheriff find? No body just an empty boot and glove
73. What did the sheriff find that was important to him? Orange suit which he knew they were the prisoners that escaped from the county jail
74. Who found the escapees? The police dogs
75. How did the boys feel after the story was in the newspapers? Like heroes
76. At school after the story was out what does Marty keep telling everyone? It wasn't Judd

## Chapter 16

77. Do the kids change their opinion of Judd? No but Marty continues to stick up for him
78. Why do the kids think Marty sticks up for Judd? They think him and his dad are afraid of Judd
79. After Marty tells his Dad what the kids are saying at school, what does Marty's dad say? Its hard to change people's opinion and you can't get even because it doesn't work
80. What happened at Judd's when Marty was helping put the fence in? Judd stepped on the dogs paw and it bit Judd so Judd hit him on the head with a hammer and killed him

## Chapter 17

81. How did Judd feel after he hit the dog? Real bad, his best hunting dog
82. Why did the doctor take the dog? Check for rabies
83. What did Judd do with the dog? Bury him on his property

#### Chapter 18

84. When David comes over and there playing monopoly, why does David get real mad at Dara Lynn?  
She hits Shiloh
85. What did Michael Sholt say when he called? Saw a dead man floating in the creek and you should check it out

#### Chapter 19

86. What was floating in the creek? Stuffed Halloween figure
87. What happens to Dara Lynn? Fell off the railing into the creek
88. What did Shiloh do? Went in to save her

#### Chapter 20

89. Why is it tough for Shiloh to get out? Water is high and current is fast
90. Who pulled over to help? Judd
91. What did he do to try and save Shiloh? Tied a rope to himself and the tree
92. Does Shiloh initially go to Judd? No
93. How does Shiloh get out? Judd grabs him
94. How did Marty's parents react after the whole thing was over? Mad they went to the creek by themselves
95. What did Marty give Dara for her birthday? Kitten
96. What did Judd tell the newspaper reporter? He was worried about not saving Shiloh because Shiloh once saved him
97. Who was the hero? Judd
98. What does Marty hope for? Shiloh will one day be brave enough to cross the bridge and come to Judd's. Now Marty feels very confident that Judd won't take the dog and Shiloh is his.
99. At the end of the story Marty hopes that one day his dog and man can forget and forgive. Is that had to do?