

## Prologue

### Vocabulary:

1. brig

1. What is Kofi's full name? Explain the meaning of each part of his name?

2. Explain what Kofi means by: 'Memories of Africa pull me to the past as *The Traveller* sails forward.'

3. In what point of view is The Captive written? Give support from text

**Chapter 1: Journey to Kumasi**  
**Vocabulary**

1. flinched (pg. 4)
2. cultivated (pg. 5)
3. outskirts (pg. 5)
4. appease (pg. 7)

1. Joyce Hansen has Kofi think to himself: "Why did it matter that we were not home? As long as he and my brother were there, we were all safe." The author is foreshadowing something. Predict what it may be.

2. What does the stool symbolize? Why was Kofi excited to carry it?

3. Explain what Manu means when he says, "Kwesi, you feel a breeze and think it's a storm."

4. Explain the internal conflict is Kofi experiencing at the bottom of page 3?

5. Reread page 4 and explain Kofi and Opong's relationship.

6. Where do you think Opong was? Explain your thinking.

## Chapter 2: The Golden Stool

### Vocabulary:

1. preened (Pg. 10)
2. procession (pg. 11)
3. dignitaries (pg. 13)
4. entourage (pg. 14)
5. nostalgic (pg. 16)

1. Find the simile at the top of page 10. Explain:

Simile: \_\_\_\_\_

2 things being compared: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you think Kofi is Kwame's favorite son? Give proof from the text.

3. Find the simile at the bottom of page 14. Explain:

Simile: \_\_\_\_\_

2 things being compared: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is the news that Oppong brings to Kwame?

5. What are you left wondering with the cliffhanger at the end of the chapter?

### **Chapter 3: Betrayal**

#### **Vocabulary:**

1. wringing (pg. 20)
2. Akata Tree (pg. 24)
3. betray (pg. 24)

1. Describe Kofi's internal conflict on page 19.
2. Would you tell anyone about your suspicions?
3. What caused Kofi to run after Kwesi, Manu, Oppong and Kwame?
4. What is a firestick?
5. Describe the external conflict on page 22-23.
6. Why didn't Oppong look back at Kwesi as he took the purse full of money?
7. What had happened to Kwame, Kwesi, Manu and Kofi by the end of the chapter?

## Chapter 4: Captured

### Vocabulary:

1. dwellings (pg. 25)
2. merely (pg. 27)
3. inferior (pg. 27)
4. audible (pg. 28)
5. scoundrels (pg. 32)

1. Why is Kofi's captor lying by saying he has no family to care for him?
2. Rate from 1-10 (10 being best), Atta's decision to leave Kwesi with Apo. Explain your rating.
3. Describe how Oppong came to live with Kofi and his family.
4. Explain why the "white traders" wanted to capture Kwame.
5. What was the deal Atta agree to?
6. Why didn't Kwesi look at Kofi as he left the compound?

## Chapter 5: Kofi's Song

### Vocabulary:

1. treacherous (pg. 36)
2. basin (pg. 37)
3. rummaged (pg. 38)

1. List the clues Kofi used to draw the conclusion that Atta was not going to sell him.
2. What two objects are turning into "symbols" for Kofi? Explain why you think this is happening.
3. How does Atta's oldest son, Kwaku, feel about Kofi? Give to details from the text to support your answer.
4. Why can't Atta take Kofi home right away?
5. Explain the idiom, "My heart sank."
6. How was Atta's family and village like Kofi's? Give 3 similarities.
7. How did Kofi know Kwaku was angry at him? Give 2 clues from the text.

## Chapter 6: The Search

### Vocabulary:

1. pallet (pg. 44)
2. wares (pg. 46)
3. sympathetically (pg. 50)

1. Find 2 lines from the text on pages 44-45 that show how panicked Kofi is.

2. Explain the simile, "Some women with their children walked down the road balancing baskets and bundles on their heads, like queens wearing heavy crowns."

2 things being compared: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why do you think Mrs. Hansen keeps repeating the meaning of the gold weight?

4. List the facts you have discovered about Ama.

5. Why did Kwaku steal Kofi's flute? Give evidence to support your answer.

6. Predict what Kofi will do about seeing Oppong. What would you do?

7. What are you left wondering with the cliffhanger at the end of the chapter?

## Chapter 7: Escape

### Vocabulary:

1. retorted (pg. 53)
2. caravan (pg. 53)
3. contented (pg. 59)
4. mallaget (pg. 60)

1. Explain the simile, "His gold flows like a river from his hands."

2 things being compared: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why is Oppong going by the name Jamal?

3. Why does Kofi "jump nervously each time I thought I heard footsteps approaching."?

4. Why do you think Ama decided to leave with Kofi?

5. Rate Ama's decision to go with Kofi from 1-10 (10 being best). Explain your rating.

6. On the top of page 63, what does Mrs. Hansen personify?

7. What are you left wondering with the cliffhanger at the end of the chapter?

## Chapter 8: The Coast

### Vocabulary:

1. regrets (pg. 69)
2. accustomed (pg. 69)
3. rendered (pg. 70)
4. shackled (pg. 73)

1. Why does Kofi feel so defeated this time being caught?
2. Do you think Ama is really a believer of Sharif's religion? Explain.
3. Explain Kofi's many regrets at the top of page 69.
4. Explain what Kofi meant by saying, "Every time I was close to becoming free and happy, I became a captive once again."
5. This chapter is filled with many things Kofi has never seen before and makes up names for them. What is a:  
firestick \_\_\_\_\_ water house \_\_\_\_\_
6. How do you think Kofi feels seeing Oppong in the canoe? How do you feel about Oppong being captured?

## Chapter 9: The Slaver

### Vocabulary:

1. supervised (pg. 75)
2. berths (pg. 75)
3. pungent (pg. 76)
4. gruel (pg. 76)
5. skulked (pg. 78)

1. Why did the crewman grabbed the flute from Kofi?

2. List and explain the 1 simile on page 77.

Simile: \_\_\_\_\_

2 things being compared: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why is Kofi "determined not to eat"?

4. Why do you think "Yellow Hair" gave Kofi his flute back?

5. Why is the captain angry at the crew for allowing so many children jump of the ship into the water?

## Chapter 10: Friends

### Vocabulary:

1. cauldron (pg. 81)
2. detected (pg. 82)
3. mangled (pg. 82)
4. fallow (pg. 85)
5. vigorously (pg. 87)
6. lethargy (pg. 91)

1. Why does the captain want Kofi to eat?
2. Why do you think Kofi didn't steal/grab a knife or cutlass when he had the chance?
3. Why do you think Tim and Joseph befriended Kofi?
4. Why are the sick staves kept on deck?
5. List and explain 1 simile on page 89.

Simile: \_\_\_\_\_

2 things being compared: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter 11: Bought and Sold

### Vocabulary:

1. unfurled (pg. 93)
2. gangplank (pg. 94)
3. seeped (pg. 94)
4. haggled (pg. 96)
5. gesticulating (pg. 96)
6. vehemently (pg. 100)

1. List 3 clues Mrs. Hansen uses to describes the place where Kofi goes after the boat?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

2. What object is Kofi describing as "shiny metal blades" that a man used to cut his hair?

3. Why did the merchant give Joseph a mean look every time he coughed?

4. Why did the buyers take Joseph, too?

5. Reread pg. 101. What does Kofi come to realize?

## Chapter 12: A Strange New World

### Vocabulary:

1. lamented (pg. 102)
2. reminiscent (pg. 103)
3. pallet (pg. 104)
4. prattled (pg. 108)

1. Describe Kofi's internal conflict on the bottom of page 102.

2. Explain why Kofi becomes determined to survive. Use top of pg. 103.

3. Find the simile at the bottom of pg. 103 used to describe the man and his wife.

Simile: \_\_\_\_\_

2 things being compared: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Why did the owners bow their heads before they ate?

5. Are the 5 men and the one young girl their sons & daughters like Kofi thinks? Explain how you came to that conclusion.

6. One theme of the book is mentioned on pages 102 and 103. Explain the theme and the clues that helped you draw the conclusion.

## Chapter 13: A New Home

### Vocabulary:

1. basin (pg. 117)
2. embers (pg. 118)
3. bleak (pg. 118)

1. Why is Kofi afraid of the snow?
2. Why is Mistress Browne teaching Kofi the language? Why does Kofi want to learn so badly?
3. List 2 clues that Kofi used to conclude that Master Browne is rich.
  - 1.
  - 2.
4. Explain the simile: "My eyes felt like stones." On page 119.

2 things being compared: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Master and Mistress Browne are Puritans. List 2 things Kofi mentions that fit that lifestyle.
6. Think about the Puritan lifestyle. Why did the routine change on the 7th day?

## Chapter 14: The Long House

### Vocabulary:

1. Sabbath (pg. 120)
2. Elders (pg. 123)

1. List 3 clues Mrs. Hansen uses to describes the place where Kofi goes on the 7th day?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

2. Kofi thinks he is seated at the back because he is a child. What is the real reason why Kofi is seated in the back?

3. Find 1 simile on page 123.

Simile: \_\_\_\_\_

2 things being compared: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Why does Kofi want to see the old woman again?

5. At the end of the chapter Kofi realizes something about Oppong. Explain.

6. One theme of the book is mentioned on page 127. Explain the theme and the clues that helped you draw the conclusion.

## Chapter 15: Secret Lessons

### Vocabulary:

1. slate (pg. 132)

1. List 3 clues Mrs. Hansen gives as to the season at the bottom of pg. 129.

1.

2.

3.

2. Why does Mistress Browne's face turn "from white to red" when she teaches Tim?

3. At the bottom of page 131, Master Browne's comments about how stupid Kofi and Tim are just shows the reader how stupid Master Browne is. Explain.

4. Is Mistress Browne really a friend of Kofi's as he thinks she is? Explain.

5. Explain the simile: "Words grow on my tongue like the green leaves on a tree."

2 things being compared: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Why does Kofi say the world dies when winter arrives?

7. Why do you think Kofi is so interested in the "old grandmother"?

## Chapter 16: Plans

### Vocabulary:

1. primer (pg. 138)
2. indentured (pg. 141)

1. On pages 138-139, Kofi realizes something about Mistress Browne. Explain.
2. Why is Master Browne telling people Kofi and Joseph are indentured servants?
3. Why do you think buying [selling slaves is illegal in New England? Think about the founders of New England.
4. On page 138, Mrs. Browne tries to convince Kofi she is a good person. Explain how.
5. Why doesn't Joseph want to run away?
6. Explain the relationship between Joseph, Master Browne and the baker.
7. Mrs. Hansen demonstrates one theme through the discussion between Tim, Kofi and Joseph on pages 142-143. What is it?

## Chapter 17: Decisions

### Vocabulary:

1. primer (pg. 138)
2. descent (pg. 150)

1. List 2 ways Tim makes extra money.
2. On page 148, Kofi and Tim see Farmer Edwards. What does Mrs. Hansen foreshadow with the conversation between the 2 boys after seeing him?
3. On pg. 150 - 151, Joseph explains why running away will be harder for Kofi and him. Explain.
4. On the bottom of pg. 151, Kofi experiences internal conflict. Explain.
5. Would you run away if you were Kofi? Explain.
6. Give 1 "pro" and 1 "con" for running away.
6. Why do you think Joseph changed his mind?



## Chapter 19: The Captain

### Vocabulary:

1. rasped (pg. 167)
2. constables (pg. 167)
3. enshrouded (pg. 167)
4. stifle (pg. 168)
5. despised (pg. 173)

1. Explain the external conflict on pg. 166.
2. Why is the crowd mad at Master Browne?
3. What did Kofi mean by, "Life changes in the blink of an eye."?
4. What did Captain Cuffe mean when he said: "I am the product of two despised races in this land."
5. Reread page 173. What is Captain Cuffe's dream?
6. What lesson does Kofi finally learn at the top of page 174?

## Chapter 20: The Hearing

### Vocabulary:

1. apprentice (pg. 177)
2. audible (pg. 182)

1. Do you think Master Browne really believes what he is saying about treating the boys well?

2. Explain the simile: "Suddenly, he shot up like a flame."

2 things being compared: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why do you think Mistress Browne lied?

4. What would have happened if Mistress Browne had told the truth?

5. Do you think the two words "legal" and "slavery" go together? Explain.

6. Why wasn't Tim granted freedom?

7. Predict what will happen next.

