

1. What is the setting for the story?
2. Who are the main characters?
3. What is Winnie's role?
4. What are the three main events of the story?
5. What is the main theme?
6. What item does Mae always carry?
7. How does Winnie discover the Tuck secret?
8. Why do the Tucks kidnap Winnie?
9. How does the MIYS find out about the water's magical powers?
10. How do Winnie's feelings change during her stay with the Tucks?
11. Why must the secret of the water be kept?
12. What does the MIYS demand in exchange for helping find Winnie?
13. What happens at the Tuck's house when the MIYS arrives?
14. What is the consequence of Mae's action?
15. How does Mae escape the gallows?
16. Jesse gives Winnie a present and asks her to do something. What does he want?
17. What are Jesse's last words to Winnie?
18. What does Winnie do with the precious water?
19. What does Jesse find in the cemetery when he returns years later?
20. What does this tell the reader?
21. How do you think Jesse feels at this point?
22. How do you feel about the events and characters in the book at this point?

Vocabulary:

Be sure you know:

Prologue	Abruptly
Epilogue	Immense
Infinite	Gingerly
Rueful	Revulsion
Irrelevant	Sprawled
Peculiar	Babbling
Tanquil	Accomplice
Melancholy	Remorseless
Scornful	Clenched
Meager	Fatal
Exasperated	Parched

Answer Key for Study Questions Here are suggested answers to the study questions for *Tuck Everlasting*:

1. The imaginary town of Treegap.
2. The main characters are Winnie Foster, the Tuck family (Mae, Angus, Miles, and Jesse), and the man in the yellow suit (MIYS).
3. She is the connecting link between the Fosters, the Tucks, and the MIYS. The hub of the story wheel, she interacts with the other spokes.
4. Winnie's kidnapping, arrival of the MIYS, the Tuck reunion.
5. The main theme is a family who never ages because they drank from a magic creek in the Fosters' wood, and their quest to keep the stream secret. The MIYS is the antagonist, Winnie is the protagonist, the Tucks try to persuade her to keep the secret.
6. She always carries her music box.
7. She sees Jesse drinking from the spring.
8. They want to tell her their story and convince her not to tell about the spring.
9. He is hiding in the woods and hears the explanation. He is the grandson of a friend of Mile's wife who told the strange story, so he has been following the Tucks for some time.
10. At first, she is excited by the adventure. During dinner, she feels uncomfortable eating with strangers and wants to go home. Bedtime causes her anxiety as she longs for familiar surroundings and belongings.
11. According to Angus Tuck, "If people knowed about the spring down there in Treegap, they'd all coming running like pigs to slops." He describes the horror of being alive forever and never knowing the release of death.
12. He insists the Fosters' give him the woods.
13. He tells of his search for a family that never ages, based on stories told by his grandmother. He describes his plans for exploiting the spring for money, and tries to take Winnie by coercion. Mae strikes him with a shotgun.
14. The constable is an eyewitness and arrests her, predicting her death penalty. Since Mae cannot die, the hanging will expose the secret.
15. Miles uses his carpentry skills to open a window for her escape. Winnie takes her place in the cell to give the Tuck family time to run away.
16. Jesse gives Winnie a bottle of spring water. He asks her to keep it until she is 17, drink it, and then find him.
17. His last words to her are "Remember."
18. She pours it on her toad to save its life.
19. Tuck finds Winnie's tombstone in the local cemetery.
20. That Winnie got married and lived to be 78 years old and had children.