

NOVEL STUDY FOR The King's Fifth

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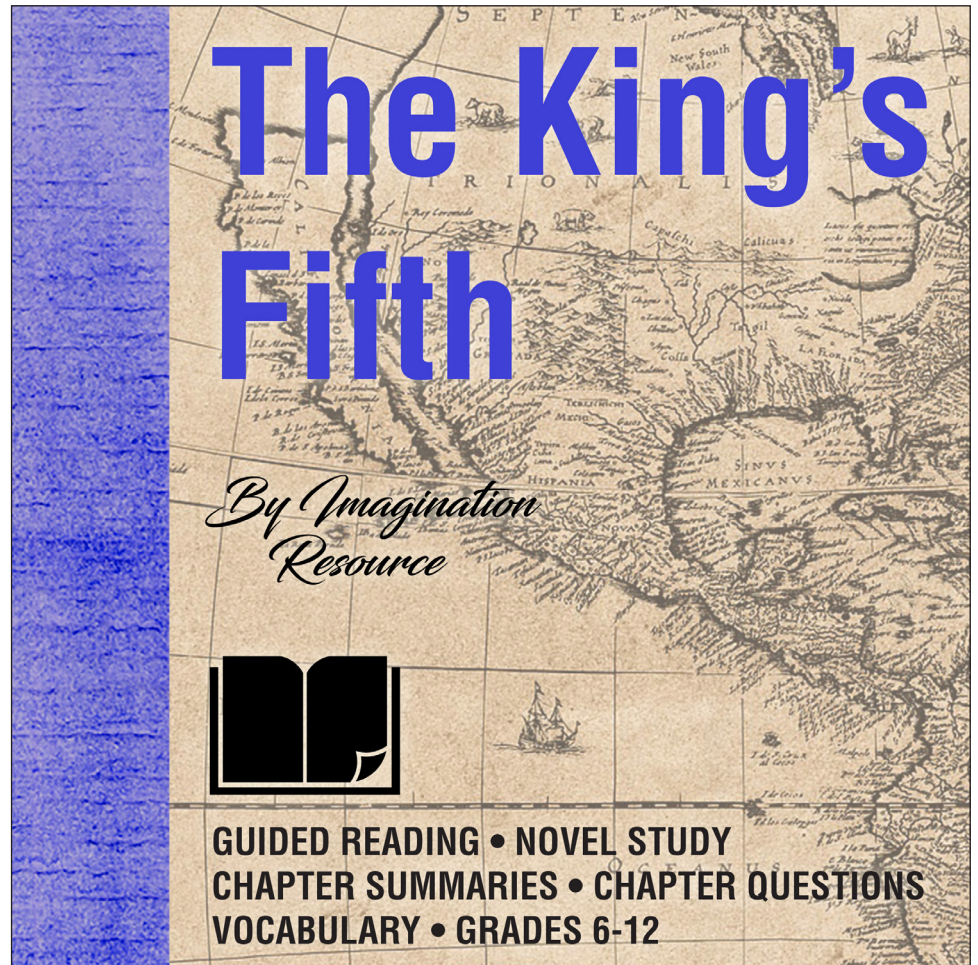
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Character traits:

Esteban - narrator, cartographer, 15 years-old at start

Captain Mendoza - captain in Coronado's army, searching for gold in the Americas

Zia - native guide who befriends Esteban, speaks several languages

Father Francisco - missionary priest in Esteban's group, curious

Roa - drummer, one of Captain Mendoza's men

Zuniga - flute player, one of Captain Mendoza's men

Don Felipe - man in charge of watching Esteban in his prison cell

Captain Martin - head of the prison, seems to support Esteban

CHAPTERS 1-2

Section Summary

It is 1541 when the story begins. Esteban is in jail in the town of Vera Cruz in what is now Mexico. The jailer is giving him favors for the promise of drawing a map of Cibola, a place believed to be filled with gold.

Esteban reflects on how he came to be in prison. His story begins aboard the San Pedro, a ship sailing up the western coast of New Spain (Mexico). The ship is supposed to be meeting up with General Coronado, who is exploring inland looking for the lost city of gold. Captain Mendoza, a captain in Coronado's army, thinks the admiral of the San Pedro is not leading them in the right direction, so he plans to mutiny. He wants young Esteban to join him; he says he needs a map maker to chart the unknown territories. Before Esteban can decide what to do, the Admiral announces that Captain Mendoza and others are going ashore; the Admiral had discovered Mendoza's plan and now he is sending away Mendoza and the other conspirators. They look to Esteban to volunteer to go with Captain Mendoza, and after some hesitation, he does.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

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Who is Esteban de Sandoval?

The narrator.

Where is Esteban at the beginning of the story?

He is in prison.

Who is the jailer who demands payment for Esteban for his favors?

Don Felipe.

Besides a share of the gold, what does the jailer demand from Esteban?

A map of Cibola

What is Esteban's skill, job, the thing he was trained to do?

Esteban is a map maker.

With what event does Esteban say he is beginning to tell his story?

Esteban is beginning with when Captain Mendoza sought to seize command of the San Pedro.

CHAPTER 1

How old was Esteban when his story begins?

Esteban is fifteen years-old.

Who is talking with Esteban in the beginning of Chapter 1?

Captain Mendoza.

What is Esteban asked to join in Chapter 1?

A mutiny led by Captain Mendoza.

What was the name of the ship they were on?

The San Pedro.

Who was in command of the ship?

Admiral Alcarcon.

What do they believe they will find in "Cibola?"

Gold.

Whose army is on the land, that the San Pedro is supposed to be meeting up with to supply?

General Coronado's army.

What does Captain Mendoza bring Esteban later that night, because he has been cooped up inside, working on his map?

Captain Mendoza brings Esteban food, a shank of lamb.

What does Captain Mendoza want Esteban to make his choice about, by the next morning?

Captain Mendoza wants to know if he is going to join them in the mutiny.

CHAPTER 2

What does Admiral Alarcon call the crew together in the morning to announce?

He is sending a group to look for Captain-General Coronado's army.

Who is Admiral Alarcon sending ashore to look for Coronado's army?

Captain Mendoza and some men.

What was the admiral asking the rest of the crew to do?

Admiral Alarcon was asking for volunteers to go with Captain Mendoza.

What was the real reason Admiral Alarcon was sending Mendoza and others to shore?

Admiral Alarcon had discovered the mutiny plot and was sending the men ashore.

Who did Admiral Alarcon look to "volunteer" after the other conspirators had volunteered?

Admiral Alarcon looked to Esteban to go with the mutineers.

Did Esteban volunteer to go ashore with Captain Mendoza?

Yes.

VOCABULARY

Evasively:

avoiding, be indirect

Covets:

desires, wants

Nocturnal:

occur at night

Needments:

necessary items, things you need

Venture:

enterprise, undertaking

Mutinous:

rebellious, refusing to follow orders

Desolate:

bleak, dismal, uninhabited

Pinnacle:

peak, the top

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

What do we know about Esteban so far by the way the story has started?

Do you expect Esteban to tell us how he ended up in prison?

Why do you think Captain Mendoza wants a map maker with him?

Were you surprised that Esteban volunteered to go with Captain Mendoza? Did it seem like he had much of a choice?

What do you think is going to happen to Esteban and the others once they go ashore? Will they find General Coronado?

What does everyone in the story seem to be most interested in finding?

CHAPTERS 3-5

Section Summary

The ship moves northward, and they cannot fight the winds and tide to get to shore. They are all dehydrated and Lunes goes into the water, never to be seen again. Captain Mendoza drinks the last of the water saying he needs it because he is the one who is leading them. Roa is denied water, so he jumps into the sea and begins to drink. The water is now fresh water. They have drifted north in to a lake formed by a river flowing into the sea.

At the Fortress of San Juan de Ulua, Esteban is taken to meet his defense counsel, Pablo Gamboa. Esteban is advised by Don Filipe to tell him nothing of the treasure. Esteban pleads guilty of defrauding the king of his share of the gold in the city he was supposed to have found. Don Filipe commends Esteban for not saying anything about the gold. Esteban tells Don Filipe that he had notes back in an inn in Mexico City, and Don Filipe is to send someone to retrieve them, but Esteban insists that only he can read the notes. Esteban is keeping his journal hidden from Don Filipe. He says he will tell us of meeting Zia and Father Francisco, the city of Chichilticale, and an old man's curse.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 3

How many men were sent ashore in all?

Six men including Captain Mendoza and Esteban.

What happened to the little boat as they sailed for shore?

It was caught up in a strong wind known as the Cordonazo.

What happened to the sailor who was taking them ashore?

He was blown off the boat, never to be seen again.

What did Captain Mendoza have Roa do as he steered the boat, and the other three men bailed out water?

Captain Mendoza had Roa play his drum to enliven the men.

CHAPTER 4

How far away did Esteban figure they were from the coast when the storm stopped?

Five leagues, about fifteen miles.

What was their next problem getting to the coast, just as they came within sight of it again?

The tide took the little boat out away from the coast.

What did Lunes claim to see in the distance as they all began to get dehydrated and tired?

Three galleons, three ships.

Did Lunes really see what he thought he saw?

No.

What did Captain Mendoza have the men do to try and lift morale?

Captain Mendoza had the men play music again.

CHAPTER 5

Which direction was the little boat headed steadily?

They were headed north along the coast.

Why did Esteban think he was going to die?

Because he had broken his pledge to Captain Alcarcon.

Who guarded what little water they had?

Captain Mendoza.

What did Lunes do in the night?

Lunes slipped into the water and swam away toward shore.

Who drank the last of the fresh water?

Captain Mendoza.

What did Roa do when Captain Mendoza told him he could not have any of the water? (The goatskin was actually empty.)

Roa jumped into the sea.

What did Roa declare once he was in the water and drinking it?

The water was fresh water.

When Captain Mendoza drank the water that Roa claimed was fresh, what did he discover?

The water was fresh water, they had drifted into a lake at the mouth of a river.

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Who is Esteban taken to see by Don Filipe?

Esteban is taken to meet his defense counsel, Pablo Gamboa.

What is Esteban charged with, and what does he plead?

Esteban is charged with defrauding the king of his share of the treasure; he pleads guilty.

Where does Esteban tell Don Filipe he has notes showing the country where he says the treasure lies?

The notes are in an inn called The Three Brothers, and Don Filipe is going to send someone to retrieve them.

What does Esteban say he is going to tell us about next?

Meeting Zia and Father Francisco, the city of Chichilticale, and an old man's curse.

VOCABULARY

Defile:

spoil, ruin

Promontory:

point, cape, peninsula

Cordonazo:

hurricane-force winds

Enliven:

liven up, pep up

League:

about three miles distance

Solemn:

serious, dignified

Foundered:

filled with water and sunk

Perished:

died, be killed

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

What did Esteban mean when he said he thought he would die because he had broken his pledge to Captain Alcarcon?

Do you think it was right for Captain Mendoza to drink the last of the water because he was the one who was leading the others?

What do you think of the story going from a flashback to the present with Esteban in prison? Do you expect the author will continue to go back and forth throughout the story?

Esteban is keeping his journal, the story we are reading, secret from Don Filipe. Do you expect Esteban to escape at some point despite his guilty plea?

The author foreshadows what is to be told next. Do you like it when an author foreshadows the story, or would you prefer they just tell the story?

CHAPTERS 6-8

Section Summary

On land, they are able to catch up with Juan Torres and the horses. In a village, they take on Father Francisco and a native girl named Zia, who speaks Spanish and several native languages. Ensign Gomez is to lead them to Coronado's army. They all head for, and soon meet up with Coronado's army. Mendoza gets them all horses to ride except Father Francisco who prefers to walk, and Zia, because natives are not allowed to ride horses. When Zia asks Esteban if he is there to find gold like the rest of them, he says he is there to draw maps of the region. Zia is anxious to see Esteban's maps, but she has to wait until they finally take a break, and Esteban wants to record what he has seen so far. On a bank of the river, Esteban records what he has seen on his parchments. Zia is impressed. But there is no time to do much work, as the army is back on the move the next day.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 6

Once on land, who does Captain Mendoza send Roa south to look for?

Roa is to look for Juan Torres, and the two horses he had brought ashore ahead of Captain Mendoza.

Do they meet up with Juan Torres?

Yes, in a native village called Avipa.

Who else shows up in the native village?

Ensign Gomez, from Coronado's army.

Does Captain Mendoza tell Ensign Gomez the truth about Captain Alarcon's plan to meet up with Coronado's group?

No.

Does Esteban tell Ensign Gomez that Mendoza didn't tell him the whole truth?

No.

Where were Esteban and the others headed the next day?

They were headed to Coronado's camp.

CHAPTER 7

What does the young native tell Esteban was the reason the other young natives ran off, after they were watching the horses from a distance?

The young native with Esteban told the others that the horses eat people, especially natives.

What does Esteban find out about the native boy he is talking to?

The native boy is a native girl named Zia.

What happened to Zia's parents?

Her dad died not long after she was born, and Mom died recently.

What does Esteban say when Zia asked him if he was there, like the others, to find gold in Cibola?

Esteban tells Zia he is a map maker and is there to draw maps.

What does Zia ask to see, after he tells her what he is there to do?

Zia asks to see his maps; he says he will show her when they get to Coronado's camp.

What does Zia show Esteban that she is carrying with her?

A pet named Montezuma, an aguatil.

Who is Tigre?

A greyhound dog.

Who buys Tigre from Gomez?

Mendoza.

Who was the priest that travels with them to Coronado's camp?

Father Francisco.

CHAPTER 8

Who did Esteban and the others catch up with?

They caught up with Mendoza, and Coronado and his army.

What did Mendoza have Roa and Zuniga do when he saw them?

Mendoza had them play their instruments, drum and flute.

What did the natives bring Coronado and his men to eat for strength and courage on their journey?

The hearts of small animals.

Did Coronado eat what was given to him?

No, he just accepted them as gifts.

What did Zia finally get to see Esteban do?

Zia got to see Esteban working on his map.

Was Zia impressed with Esteban's work?

Yes, she let out a "cry of delight" watching him work.

Was Esteban able to work on his map the next day?

No, they army was on the move already.

VOCABULARY

Estuaries:

mouth of a river, delta

Desperation:

distressed, hopeless

Contradict:

deny, disagree

Aguatil:

desert rat

Descended:

go down, come down

Festooned:

adorned, decorated

Portolan:

book of charts, directions

Bartered:

traded, bargained for

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

Should Esteban have told Ensign Gomez the truth about Admiral Alarcon's plans?

What is the River of Good Guidance called today?

What was your first impression of Zia?

Do you think Zia is going to be around for the rest of the story?

What was your first impression of Father Francisco?

Do you think Father Francisco is going to be around for the rest of the story?

What do you think is going to happen next?

CHAPTERS 9-10

Section Summary

Coronado and his men reach a place called Red House that was supposed to be filled with gold, but it is an old abandoned village. Only an old couple is there to greet them. The old man speaks of a place called Hawikuh that is said to be filled with gold. Later, Mendoza confronts the old man away from others and threatens him. The old man puts a curse on Mendoza.

Esteban is taken before the Royal Audiencia, and says that Mendoza found the treasure. Esteban can't say where the treasure is, but he says it is written in his notes and maps. Captain Martin comes to visit Esteban after his meeting with the Audiencia. Esteban recalls Captain Martin was there for a savage battle that was fought at Hawikuh; Esteban then writes about the battle.

The march to Hawikuh is hard and they lose some of the horses. When they arrive near Hawikuh, Coronado says they have no choice but go on despite warnings of what might lay ahead. They are almost out of food. When they arrive Hawikuh looks deserted. In reality the Cibolans knew the Spaniards were coming, sent the women and children away, and gathered an army. The battle breaks out.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 9

After eight days of travel, where did they arrive?

Chichilticale, the Red House.

Why were Zuniga and Roa particularly happy to arrive?

They had heard stories of women wearing gold belts, and tools made of gold.

Did they find gold when they reached Red House?

No, the place was abandoned with only an old man and woman to greet them.

Does the old man tell them there is gold ahead?

Yes, some twenty days journey.

What did the old man call the city he spoke of?

Hawikuh.

Who seeks out the old man to find out the truth about Hawikuh?

Captain Mendoza. He threatens the old man if he has lied to come back and cut out his tongue.

What does the old man do the next day when Captain Mendoza passes by on his horse?

The old man gave the captain a "sign of ill omen," a curse.

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What does Don Felipe say the men at his trial will want to know?

All they will want to know is about the gold.

Where is Esteban taken?

Esteban is taken before the Royal Audiencia.

When asked by the Audiencia, does Esteban say he found the treasure?

No, he says he did not.

Does Esteban tell the Audiencia that a treasure does exist?

Yes.

Who does Esteban say found the treasure?

Captain Mendoza.

Who comes to visit Esteban when he is back in his cell?

Captain Martin, an officer who was with Coronado's army.

What does Esteban write about next? (An event that Captain Martin was also part of.)

A savage battle that was fought at Hawikuh.

CHAPTER 10

When the other horses were starving, how do Mendoza's horses do and why?

Mendoza's horses ate well, Zia knew how to seek out roots and sprouts for the horses to eat.

What did Coronado learn from natives, when they were just two days journey from Hawikuh?

The chief of Hawikuh has sworn vengeance on the Spaniards.

Despite the warning, why did Coronado have to go on to Hawikuh?

They were running out of food.

What were the walls of Hawikuh made of?

Mud.

Did Hawikuh look deserted when they first arrived?

Yes.

What did they see rise up behind the mounds of Hawikuh?

Armed warriors.

What were the natives guarding Hawikuh called?

Cibolans, the natives of Hawikuh.

How do the natives react after Coronado sends forth a group to talk to them?

The native Cibolans attack.

VOCABULARY

Avail:

help, aid

Glimpses:

brief look, peek

Dire:

dreadful, dangerous, grim

Abundant:

plentiful, lots

Defraud:

swindle, cheat

Fiscal:

legal official, lawyer

Radiance:

light, brightness

Brandishing:

waving, shaking

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

Do you think they are going to find any other "city of gold?"

What do you think it means that the old man put a curse on Captain Mendoza? Do you think the author is foreshadowing again?

Do you think Esteban knows where a treasure is, or do you think he is just saying he does to save himself?

Will Esteban see Captain Martin again while he is being held?

Do you think Esteban can trust Captain Martin? Can Esteban trust anyone?

Who do you think is going to win the battle that is just starting? The Spaniards, or the native Cibolans?

CHAPTERS 11-12

Section Summary

Mendoza gives Esteban a gun and sword before the fight at Hawikuh. Esteban gives his maps and notes to Zia to protect. Coronado leads the attack, but is seriously injured. Esteban ends up in a hand-to-hand fight with someone about his own age. When Esteban can't bring himself to kill the young Cibolan, Mendoza shows up and finishes him off. They find no gold. Zia helps to nurse Esteban back to health. Mendoza is to take a small group and head north and west, Esteban is going with him to map the territory; he gets Mendoza to take Zia as his scout. Zia is happy to go. She seems to be getting close to Esteban, though he doesn't seem to realize it. Esteban tells the court that Mendoza and his group found gold, and it took eight mules and five horses to carry it. It is now hidden somewhere, and Esteban says he is the only one who knows where it is hidden. He will need his notes to draw a map to the spot; his notes are still on the way. Don Felipe tells Esteban when they are alone, that he expects him to draw him a map from the notes before he turns them over to the court. Esteban implies his notes will not be good enough to reveal the spot where the gold is hidden.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 11

What did Captain Mendoza give Esteban right before the encounter at Hawikuh?

Captain Mendoza gave Esteban a matchlock, a gun.

What did Esteban give Zia to protect before the battle?

Esteban gave Zia his bundle of maps and materials.

In the attack, which of the leaders was seriously hurt?

Coronado.

Did the attack keep on after he was injured?

Yes.

Who did Esteban get into combat with?

A young Cibolan.

Who came to Esteban's aid after the young Cibolan was badly injured?

Captain Mendoza, he brought Esteban his sword.

When given the sword, did Esteban kill the Cibolan?

No.

Who killed the Cibolan Esteban had been fighting?

Captain Mendoza.

CHAPTER 12

Did they find gold after the Spaniards defeated the Cibolans?

No, but they did find lots of food.

Did Coronado recover from his wounds?

Yes.

Who helped in Esteban's recovery?

Zia.

When Mendoza was to set out to the northwest with a small group, did Esteban invite himself to come along?

Yes, he convinced Mendoza he needed a good map maker.

Who else did Esteban get invited to come with them?

Esteban got Mendoza to take Zia as a guide, saying he needed her help making maps.

Did Father Francisco accompany Mendoza and his group?

Yes, and Roa and Zuniga playing their instruments.

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Who is there to take Esteban to court that day?

His counsel, Gamboa.

What is the maximum sentence his counselor tells Esteban he could get?

Fifteen years.

What does Esteban hope to get in exchange for his notes?

Five years.

How many animals does Esteban tell the court it took to carry all the gold they had found?

Eight mules and four horses.

Who does Esteban say is the only one who knows where the gold was hidden?

Esteban says that he was alone in hiding the gold.

Was Captain Mendoza in the group that found the gold?

Yes.

Back in his cell, what does Don Felipe make Esteban do to prove he is telling the truth?

Don Felipe makes Esteban swear on the cross, and Esteban does.

What does Esteban say he is going to write about next?

Nexpan, City of the Abyss, and the stream they found with gold in it.

VOCABULARY

Matchlock:

primitive gun

Cumbersome:

awkward, clumsy, hard to handle

Feint:

bluff, fake

Cudgel:

club, stick weapon

Parapet:

wall, defensive barrier

Ferocity:

savagery, brutally, violently

Cacique:

native chief, native leader

Throng:

crowd, horde, mass of people

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

What were your impressions of the battle with the Cibolans? Did it seem like a fair fight?

Do you think the reason Zia helped Esteban was because she wanted to see him finish his map?

What do you think they will find to the northwest?

Do you believe Esteban is telling the truth about hiding the gold?

What do you think happened to Zia, Captain Mendoza and the others? Will we find out in the story?

Will Esteban make a map for Don Felipe from his notes when they arrive? Does it sound like Esteban plans on showing him where the gold is?

What do you think Esteban meant by, "the map shall be no more complete than the notes from which it is drawn?"

CHAPTERS 13-16

Section Summary

Mendoza and his men head for Nexpan, City of the Abyss. They reach a great canyon in the dark. The next morning, they see that it is so vast they cannot get the animals down it. Mendoza, Esteban, Zia, and a few others climb down the canyon. They make it to the base, and the banks of a great river. They find the people of Nexpan, and are treated warmly by Chief Quantah and his people. Mendoza tells Esteban he has seen gold in the river. He gets up early with Roa and Zuniga and told them to bring their helmets to fill with gold. Esteban finds a large gold nugget and is caught up in the “fever.” Esteban goes with Father Francisco and Zia to meet with Chief Quantah. Mendoza and the others come back with their helmets filled with gold, but most of the gold is in the form of dust and they say they will need a fleece like that of a lamb to gather more gold. Chief Quantah tells them they are welcome to the gold, and he even tells them where they can find more, but they cannot kill any of his sheep. Mendoza, Roa, and Zuniga say nothing else but go back to their camp. Esteban fears trouble, but still feels a bit of the gold fever as he clings to the large nugget he found in the stream.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 13

What city were Mendoza and his group heading for?

Nexpan, City of the Abyss.

What did the horses warn them of, as they traveled in the dark?

There was danger ahead.

What did they find when they walked up ahead?

A great chasm in the earth.

What did Zia discover down in the canyon that the others did not see right away?

There was a river.

CHAPTER 14

Did they find an easy way down into the canyon?

No.

What did Mendoza and a small group, including Esteban, decide to do?

They decided to climb down the canyon.

Did they make it to the floor of the canyon and the river?

Yes.

What did the men worry about as they got to the base of the canyon?

How would they carry gold up the canyon.

What did Zia smell at night?

The scent of fires burning nearby.

What does Zia name the horse that some day she hopes to ride?

Blue Star.

Do they find someone to lead them to the city by the river?

Yes.

Who was Quantah?

The chief of the people they found in the river valley.

Did the Chief know of any gold in his territory?

When asked, the chief shook his head.

CHAPTER 15

That night, what does Mendoza come to tell Esteban he has found in the river?

Gold.

What did Mendoza do early the next morning?

Mendoza got up Roa and Zuniga and told them to bring their helmets to fill with gold.

Did Esteban get caught up in “gold fever,” when he first picked up a nugget in the river?

Yes.

Who came by, that put a stop to Esteban’s thoughts of searching for gold all day?

A boy with a message from Chief Quantah.

CHAPTER 16

Who went with Esteban to join Chief Quantah and his people in their morning ritual?

Father Francisco and Zia. Mendoza and the others were still searching for gold.

What did Mendoza and the others report about the gold they found in the stream?

There was more, but it was in the form of dust.

Where did Chief Quantah tell Mendoza he could find more such stones?

Near the city of Tawhi, to the north, there is a stream that flows into their stream.

What did Mendoza tell the Chief he wanted to use to get the gold dust to cling to it?

The fleece of a lamb.

What did Chief Quantah tell Mendoza about killing sheep?

It was a crime to kill their sheep, and anyone who did it would be banished.

VOCABULARY

Pinnacles:

peaks, high points

Lamented:

moaned, sobbed, cried

Tortuous:

twisting, winding

Bastions:

projection, uprisings

Defile:

passage, narrow gorge

Foreboding:

anxiety, fear, worry

Limned:

described, drawn, illustrated

Banished:

exiled, kicked out, sent away

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

What did Mendoza and his men stumble upon in the dark and then see for the first time later the next morning?

What do you think will become of the warning Esteban tells us about the trouble with Father Francisco getting along with the others?

Do you expect Mendoza and his men are about to clash with Chief Quantah over the gold they found?

Chief Quantah told them they could take all the gold they wanted, but they couldn’t take his sheep. Do you think Mendoza and his men will listen to his words?

Will Esteban get caught up in gold fever and side with Mendoza? How do you think Father Francisco is going to react to the men if they violate the Chief’s laws to gather more gold?

CHAPTERS 17-18

Section Summary

Esteban knows Mendoza plans to kill a few sheep and warns him against it, but he doesn't listen. Mendoza, Roa, and Zuniga kill six sheep and use their fleeces to collect gold dust in the stream. When the sheep herder discovers the sheep have been slaughtered, there is much lamenting amongst the people of Nexpan. Mendoza plans a quick escape before Chief Quantah can plan any retribution, or close the only path out of the valley. Mendoza decides to start a fire as a distraction. Mendoza, Roa, and Zuniga carry out the fleeces they can carry. Zuniga goes back for another fleece, and is caught in the fire.

At the trial, the royal fiscal begins to question Esteban about his relationship with Mendoza. He then accuses Esteban of killing Mendoza, and that he can prove it. The royal fiscal's witness is Torres the horse handler. Back in his cell, Esteban says he is going to write about the events that occurred in the winter of '40 and the spring of '41 while they are still fresh in his mind.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 17

What map did Esteban decide to work on?

A map showing the location of Nexpan.

Who came by while Esteban was working on his map?

Zia.

What does Esteban warn Mendoza about doing that will anger Chief Quantah?

Esteban warns him against killing the Chief's sheep.

What did Esteban notice about Mendoza's, Roa's, and Zuniga's doublets later that night, by the firelight?

They had blood on them.

CHAPTER 18

What did Father Fransisco plan on doing with the natives early in the morning?

Father Fransisco had them gather to be baptized.

What does Zuniga whisper to Esteban?

Zuniga tells Esteban that they have six fleeces anchored in the stream to collect the gold dust.

What breaks up the baptism?

A shepherd comes with news of the slaughtered sheep.

Do Mendoza and the others get back to their camp without being attacked?

Yes.

What news does Father Fransisco return from Chief Quantah?

He says that he forgives them.

Does Mendoza believe what the Chief has said?

No, he sees men moving to the opening in the valley to block it.

What does Mendoza do to try and create a distraction while they escape?

Mendoza starts the dried grass on fire.

How many of the gold-covered fleeces do they carry with them?

They can only carry four of the six.

What did Zuniga decide to go back for, when they almost reached the defile?

Zuniga decide to go back to get another fleece filled with gold.

What happened to Zuniga when he was on his way back with the fleece?

Zuniga was overtaken by the flames and the fire.

FORTRESS OF SAN JUAN DE ULUA, OCTOBER 7

What is Esteban asked to recount first, on his third day in court?

Esteban is asked to recount his part in the battle of Hawikuh.

Does the royal fiscal ask Esteban about their escape from Nexpan?

Yes.

Does Esteban think the royal fiscal already knows the answers to the questions he is asking him?

Yes.

What does the royal fiscal accuse Esteban of saying to Captain Mendoza?

The royal fiscal accuses Esteban of threatening Captain Mendoza's life.

What does the royal fiscal go on to say he is going to prove Esteban did, in regards to Captain Mendoza?

The royal fiscal says he is going to prove that Esteban killed him.

Who is the witness the royal fiscal has against Esteban, who accuses him of murder?

Guillermo Torres.

VOCABULARY

Subdued:

quiet, reflective, holding back

Doublet:

close fitting jacket, vest

Abruptly:

suddenly, unexpectedly

Sullen:

surly, sour, bad-tempered

Defile:

passage, narrow gorge

Primly:

stiffly, formally

Fiscals:

treasury official, tax collector

Ominous:

threatening, menacing

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

Did Mendoza do the right thing by defying the Chief, stealing the sheep, and using their fleeces?

What lesson are we to learn from Zuniga going back for his second gold-covered fleece?

How is Father Francisco going to react when he learns what Mendoza did back at Nexpan?

How do you feel about the author giving away that Mendoza has been killed?

Do you remember Torres the horse handler?

Why do you think Torres is now accusing Esteban of killing Mendoza?

Who do you think really killed Mendoza?

CHAPTERS 19-20

Section Summary

Mendoza thinks they should head for Tawhi, the Cloud City. Before they can get very far, a snow storm forces them to take shelter in a cave. While they are pinned down, Torres steals the gold and the best horse, and makes an escape. Mendoza and the others have to fix the saddles Torres damaged, before they can leave for Tawhi. The wind and waves were so fierce at the Fortress of San Juan de Ulua, Esteban can't work. Don Felipe brings him the notes he has been waiting for from Mexico City. Esteban tells Don Felipe that it will take him two days to finish the map that he has promised. Captain Martin comes to visit Esteban, and is again very kind. He says nothing about maps or gold. He tells Esteban that he will testify to Esteban's good character, and that he was not capable of murdering Mendoza. Alone, Esteban takes up his writing. Esteban is going to skip the rest of the winter, because nothing much happened, and write about when they reached the Tawhi.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 19

Where does Mendoza think they should go next to look for gold?

The stream that flows into the stream at Nexpan, where Chief Quantah said there was much gold.

What does Roa say the name of the city is?

Tawhi, the Cloud City.

How far away is it from Nexpan?

Roa recalls that it is eight days to the northwest.

What caused Mendoza and the group to have to seek shelter?

There was a snow storm.

Where did they seek shelter?

They went back to a cave.

What do they consider eating, if they get short on food?

One of the mules.

What does Mendoza say about eating the mules?

Mendoza suggests that they eat each other before they eat a mule.

CHAPTER 20

Who did Esteban hear calling outside as he awoke in the morning?

Torres.

Who did Esteban look for, and was surprised to see was not still asleep?

Zia.

Who took off on one of the horses with the gold they had collected?

Torres.

What happened when Mendoza tried to go after Torres?

The girth on the saddles had been cut.

Who was the first to discover Torres trying to steal the gold and ride off?

Zia. He hit her and temporarily knocked her out.

What had Zia heard, that got her up in the first place?

Zia had heard Blue Star neighing.

When was it that they finally got the saddles fixed, and were able to head out toward Tawhi?

It wasn't until noon.

How long does Esteban foretell it will be until they reach Tawhi?

They will not reach Tawhi until spring.

FORTRESS OF SAN JUAN DE ULUA, OCTOBER 8

What does Don Felipe bring Esteban?

His papers have arrived from Mexico City.

When does Esteban say he will work on the map?

When the wind dies down, a strong wind is blowing.

How long does Esteban say it will take him to finish the map to Cibola?

Two days.

Who comes to see Esteban after Don Felipe leaves?

Captain Martin.

What does the captain say he intends to do at Esteban's trial?

Captain Martin says he is going to testify at Esteban's trial, to attest to his character, saying he was not capable of murdering Captain Mendoza.

When left alone, what does Esteban say he is going to write about next?

Esteban is going to skip the rest of the winter, and write about when they reached Tawhi.

VOCABULARY

Pasotrote:

(Spanish) trotting, loping

Curry:

rub down a horse, comb a horse

Clambered:

climbed, scrambled

Scarce:

rare, short supply

Loathsome:

hateful, repulsive

Girth:

the band that holds a saddle on a horse

Accosted:

confronted, detained

Incapable:

unable, not capable

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

Do you think Mendoza was serious about eating each other before eating a mule? Why would he say that?

Were you surprised that Torres picked the time he did to steal the gold and a horse and run away?

Will Zia ever be able to ride Blue Star?

Why do you think it took so long for them to get to Tawhi?

Can you imagine being inside a fortress like the one in the story, and the wind is so strong outside that you can hardly keep a candle lit inside?

Can Esteban still trust Captain Martin?

What do you think happens in Tawhi?

CHAPTERS 21-23

Section Summary

They arrive in Tawhi. Mendoza trades with Tlascingo, the cacique. Tlascingo is an experienced trader and gives up little gold. Both men lie to each other. Tlascingo says the gold comes from a mountain far away. Mendoza and Esteban discover that the man-made lake in Tawhi is lined with gold. In a morning ceremony, Esteban and Mendoza witness how the natives sprinkle gold on the cacique who then has the gold washed off him in the lake. Mendoza has a crazy plan to drain the lake, that is held by an earthen dam. If the dam is breached the water will flood the city, and Mendoza and the rest of them can get to the gold. Mendoza and his group leave, promising to return to trade. Mendoza has them make leather pouches to hold all the gold dust. Esteban worries that the plan will kill some or most of the natives. Mendoza assures him that they will simply climb onto their houses and watch as Mendoza takes the gold, too afraid of the Spaniards weapons to do anything to stop them. As Mendoza and Roa leave, Esteban thinks that he “shall never in this life see them again.”

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 21

Where had Esteban and the others arrived in Chapter 21?

Tawhi.

Who was Tlascingo?

The cacique, chief.

What does Mendoza tell the cacique that their horses like to eat?

The flesh of humans.

Does Tlascingo tell Mendoza they have much gold?

Yes.

Where does Tlascingo say the gold is?

He keeps little, but can get plenty more in the mountains, and that only a few know how to get to it.

CHAPTER 22

Did Mendoza believe Tlascingo had much gold in his possession?

Yes, he thought he had a storehouse full of it.

What do Mendoza and Esteban do, to find out if Mendoza was right about there being gold in the city?

Mendoza and Esteban went for a casual walk to look around.

Had Mendoza noticed where Tlascingo had sent his man to retrieve the gold he traded to Mendoza?

Yes, and Mendoza led them to the room he had seen the man retrieve the gold from.

Did Mendoza discover he was right about the amount of gold Tlascingo had?

No, he looked in the room where the gold was kept, and only a small pile was there, but the floor looked as if much gold had been there.

What did Mendoza and Esteban discover about the lake that was in the village?

There was gold at the bottom of the lake.

Was the lake a natural lake?

No, it was dammed up by earth and rock.

What was Mendoza's plan to get the gold?

Mendoza would breach the dam and allow the water to flood the city, exposing the gold.

CHAPTER 23

What sound did Esteban say he awoke to?

The sweet sound of a horn.

What do Esteban and Mendoza observe in the morning, that explains how the gold got in the bottom of the lake?

In a ceremony celebrating the rising sun, the cacique is covered in oil, and then has gold dust sprinkled on him. He then walks into the water and his servants wash the gold off his body and it settles in the lake.

Seeing the dam during the ceremony, does Esteban think Mendoza's plan could work?

Yes.

What does Mendoza promise to bring to trade with Tlascingo in two days?

An animal to trade, and some of the armor the Spaniards wear.

Why does Esteban not try harder to make one of the leather pouches to carry the gold they are going to steal?

Esteban tells Mendoza he doesn't like his plan to drain the lake.

Why does Esteban object to Mendoza's plan?

He thinks it will kill the people in the village.

Does Mendoza say he thinks the people of the village will drown if he drains the lake?

No, he thinks they will all climb on their roofs and watch them steal the gold.

What did Esteban think when he saw Roa and Mendoza leave to put his plan into effect?

Esteban thought that he "shall never in this life see them again."

VOCABULARY

Forded:

crossed a river

Wily:

shrewd, artful, crafty

Mien:

appearance, look

Breach:

break, spill, open

Beckoning:

calling, signaling

Exultation:

rejoicing, happiness

Scheme:

plot, plan

Timidity:

lack courage, fearful

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

Why does Mendoza like to tell the natives that the horses eat their enemies?

What do you think of Mendoza's plan to drain the lake to take the gold? What do you suppose will happen to the people if Mendoza is able to breach the dam that holds the water in the lake?

Both Mendoza and Tlascingo lied to each other when they first met. Why to you suppose they did that?

Is lying a good way to start a relationship?

When is it all right to lie? (If ever.)

Was Esteban right, will he never see Roa and Mendoza in this life again?

CHAPTERS 24-26

Section Summary

With Mendoza and Roa gone, Esteban lets Zia ride Blue Star; she is thrilled and a natural rider. Esteban tells Father Francisco that they are to leave the next morning. Esteban is ready to leave, but then he hears and sees the water come over the cliff. Then he sees Roa who tosses bags of gold over the cliff and Esteban packs them on the mules. Torres testifies that he heard Esteban say, "some day I shall kill you," to Mendoza. He claims he didn't steal the group's gold, but only took what he had coming to him. Don Felipe tells Esteban that the fiscal is bringing Zia to testify against Esteban. Roa and Mendoza catch up with Esteban, and they make their escape. Roa tells Esteban that Mendoza's plan worked just as he said it would. Mendoza tells Father Francisco that he traded for all the gold. Natives follow Esteban's group and when they get close enough, Mendoza sends his dog Tigre after them. Now trained to kill, Tigre kills two of the natives before the others leave. They don't see any natives from Tawhi again.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 24

What did Esteban plan to do if Mendoza did not return?

Esteban planned to slowly head back the way they came to Hawikuh.

What did Esteban tell Zia that morning, when she came to comb Blue Star?

Today is the day that she will ride Blue Star.

Was Zia able to ride Blue Star?

Yes.

How did Zia thank Esteban after she finished her first ride?

Zia kissed Esteban on the cheek.

CHAPTER 25

What did Father Francisco say he planned to do the next morning?

Father Francisco made plans to visit the people of Tawhi again in an effort to convert them.

What did Esteban tell Father Francisco they would be doing instead of visiting Tawhi?

Esteban said they would be leaving.

The next morning, how did Esteban know if Mendoza had completed his plan?

Esteban heard a sound from the mountain and then saw the water coming off of the cliff.

Who did Esteban see on the cliff when he went to check?

Roa.

What did Roa throw down the cliff to him?

Bags of gold.

FORTRESS OF SAN JUAN DE ULUA, OCTOBER 10

Who is to testify today in Esteban's trial?

Torres.

Does Esteban spot Torres in the court room?

Yes.

After the fiscal cross examines Esteban, who does he call to the stand?

Torres.

What does the fiscal get Torres to say that Esteban told Mendoza after the argument leaving Nexpan?

Some day I shall kill you.

Why does Torres say he left Mendoza and the others in the cave after the storm?

Torres said he left because he did not like to be around men when they were fighting.

What reason does Torres give for stealing the gold?

Torres said they refused to give him his share, so he took it and returned to Hawikuh.

What does the fiscal tell the court he will present to them in two days?

An item of written evidence and another witness.

On the way back to the cell, who does Don Felipe tell Esteban the other witness is?

He doesn't know about the written evidence, but the witness is Zia.

CHAPTER 26

Did Roa and Mendoza make it back, and join Esteban and the others as they left with the gold?

Yes.

What was different about the story Mendoza told Father Francisco, and the story Roa told Esteban?

Roa admitted that they stole the gold, and Mendoza said he traded for it.

Did the natives follow them as they escaped with the gold?

Yes.

What happened to stop the natives from Tawhi from following them?

Mendoza sent his dog Tigre and it killed two of the natives, and the others did not return.

VOCABULARY

Outlandish:

weird, funny, unusual

Vaquera:

(Spanish) cowgirl, horse rider

Transfixed:

entranced, captivated

Bidden:

instructed, told

Indifference:

unconcerned, not interested

Vara:

(Spanish) a length of about 30 or 40 inches

Caballero:

(Spanish) cowboy, gentleman

Laden:

loaded, weighed down

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

Were you surprised that Mendoza's plan worked to drain the lake?

Will Zia testify that Esteban killed Mendoza?

Does Don Felipe really care about what happens to Esteban, or is he just waiting to get the map of where the gold is hidden?

What do you think is going to happen to Mendoza?

We have not heard anything about what happened to Roa. Do you think he died too?

What do you think became of Father Francisco?

Do you think anyone else knows where the gold is hidden?

CHAPTERS 27-29

Section Summary

Mendoza has Esteban set a course straight back to Hawikuh, but it is not quicker; they run into mountains. Mendoza sends Roa ahead to get more mules. Tigre turned mean, and when Mendoza tries to discipline him, he kills Mendoza. Esteban takes over and becomes like Mendoza. So much so, Zia leaves with some other natives that they encounter; Esteban gives her Blue Star. Zia testifies that she knows not where Esteban hid the gold, but it did exist. They don't ask her about how Mendoza died. She also says that Roa was with a group that went back to Tawhi to look for more gold and was killed. Esteban is to learn the jury's verdict the next day. Esteban gets to talk to Zia after her testimony, and learns they already knew what happened to Mendoza. Esteban suggests to Zia that she came with their group to help them make maps and to be with Blue Star. Zia tells him that it was for neither of those reasons; he doesn't get that she came to be with him and she doesn't tell him. Back in his cell, Esteban says he has to write the story of Father Francisco and their journey into the "inferno."

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 27

Did they head back toward Hawikuh in the same way that they came?

No, Mendoza had Esteban plot a course that was straight back, a shorter, but unknown route.

What ended up in their path that forced them to change direction from a straight path?

There were a series of mountains in their path.

What did Mendoza send Roa ahead to Hawikuh to do?

Roa was to ride to Hawikuh to get mules, and come back to meet them.

What did Esteban wonder was the real reason Mendoza was sending Roa away?

Esteban wondered if he was just getting rid of him so he could have all the gold to himself.

CHAPTER 28

Who threatened to steal the meat that Zia was cooking?

Tigre.

What happened when Mendoza tried to get his dog under control?

Tigre attacked Mendoza.

What happened to Mendoza?

Tigre killed him.

What did Father Francisco say they would do the next morning?

They would dig a big hole, and bury all the gold.

Did Esteban do as Father Francisco had suggested?

No, and Father Francisco feared that Esteban had grown obsessed with the gold.

Did Tigre follow them when they left?

No, Tigre stayed guarding Mendoza's grave.

CHAPTER 29

Who did Esteban and the group encounter on their third day of travel?

A group of natives.

What did Esteban demand to know from Zia?

Esteban wanted to know if they had anything to fear from the natives they had encountered.

What did Zia do when the natives left the next morning?

Zia left with them.

What did Esteban do when Zia would not stay, even if he let her ride Blue Star?

Esteban gave Zia Blue Star.

FORTRESS OF SAN JUAN DE ULUA, OCTOBER 12

Is Zia there to testify?

Yes.

Does the fiscal ask Zia about Mendoza's death, or ask if Esteban killed him?

No, he does not ask about Mendoza.

What does the fiscal ask Zia about?

The gold, and where did Esteban bury it.

Does Zia know where Esteban hid the gold?

No, and she tells the court several times.

What does Zia tell the court about Roa?

Roa was with a group that went back to Tawhi to look for more gold and was killed.

Did Esteban get to talk to Zia after she testified?

Yes.

What does Zia say when Esteban suggests that Zia had traveled with them because she wanted to help make maps and for Blue Star?

Zia says neither was the reason she went with them.

What does Esteban say he has yet to tell us?

The story of Father Francisco and their journey into the "inferno."

VOCABULARY

Decreed:

law, ordered

Muleteer:

mule driver, one who leads mules

Marauding:

thieving, looting, stealing

Succession:

sequence, series, order

Discreetly:

carefully, in a way to not be noticed

Alcalde:

(Spanish) magistrate, mayor

Obsidian:

volcanic rock, black color

Distressed:

pain, suffering

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

Were you surprised at how Mendoza died? Did you think it he was going to die in some other way? How?

Was Zia right, had Esteban let the gold change him, and had he become like Mendoza?

Why didn't the fiscal ask Zia about Mendoza's death? Do you think Esteban is right, the fiscal knows Esteban didn't kill him, and only wants to know where the gold is?

Why did Zia go along with them if she did not go to help Esteban make maps, or for Blue Star?

The story is almost over, how do you think the book is going to end?

What do you think the verdict will be in Esteban's trial? Is he guilty of murder?

What is Esteban going to tell us about before the end of the story?

CHAPTERS 30-31

Section Summary

Father Francisco tries to get Esteban to bury the gold, but he refuses, he is still obsessed with it. Esteban thinks he is being followed, so he leads them through a desert, an inferno. Father Francisco dies there, saving the last of the water for Esteban. Esteban finally gets it. He takes the gold and throws it into one of the many craters, one that is filled with sulfur smelling water. Esteban finished the map for Don Felipe, but assures him that the gold is gone, and cannot be found; Don Felipe doesn't believe him. Zia is there for the verdict, which is not guilty of murder, but guilty of denying the king his fifth of the gold; he gets five years, reduced to three. Zia tells Esteban three years is a long time, and it is unclear if she is going to wait for him. Captain Martin comes by, and it turns out he is only interested in the gold too. He offers to set Esteban free to go and dig up the gold, and they will split it. Esteban tries to assure him that the gold cannot be found. He refuses the offer and decides to stay in prison for three years. He admits it is still a long time, and he will be twenty years-old when he gets out.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 30

Where had Esteban decided to take the gold?

To Culiacan, not Hawikuh.

Why was Esteban not going to Hawikuh?

He feared that Roa would not give him a fair share.

When Father Francisco realized where Esteban was headed, did he decide to go with him?

Yes.

What kept Father Francisco happy and busy, as they traveled along?

Father Francisco busied himself by collecting samples of the local flowers.

Why did Esteban continue to look back as they traveled on?

Not knowing what had happened to Roa, he expected to see him coming after them.

CHAPTER 31

What does Father Francisco say when Esteban says the gold is theirs?

Father Francisco says my share is yours.

What did Esteban call the place they reached because it was hot?

The Inferno.

What did Esteban have them do to get through the heat?

They traveled all night.

Who did Esteban think he saw following them in the distance?

Roa and a pack of mules.

What became of Father Francisco before they reached fresh water?

Father Francisco died.

What did Esteban do with the gold?

Esteban tossed each bag in one of the craters he found that contained poisonous-looking water.

Who did Esteban find a message from, when he reached the first tall tree he came to?

It was a message from Alarcon, saying this is as far as he came.

FORTRESS OF SAN JUAN DE ULUA, OCTOBER 13
What news does Don Felipe give Esteban about what the fiscal has done about the hidden treasure?

The Fiscal has sent a group to Cibola to look for the treasure, based on Esteban's notes.

Does Esteban tell Don Felipe that they will be able to find the treasure with the map he made for him?

Esteban says they will not be able to find the right crater, or retrieve the gold sunk into the foul water hole.

Who has come to the court to hear the verdict?

Zia, with her aunt.

What is the verdict?

The crime of murder was found to be unsupported, but Esteban was found guilty of withholding the king's fifth.

What is the sentence?

Five years, but his sentence is reduced to three years.

Who comes to see Esteban that night?

Captain Martin.

To Esteban's disappointment, what has he come to talk to Esteban about?

The gold. Esteban tells him too that it cannot be found.

What does he offer to let Esteban do?

Captain Martin offers to let Esteban out to find the gold he buried himself, and they will split it.

Does Esteban accept the offer he is given?

No, he says he must refuse the offer; Captain Martin leaves shaking his head.

VOCABULARY

Breviary:

hymn book, book of prayers

Maravedis:

(Spanish) coin, money

Burden:

weight, heavy load

Rouse:

awaken, wake up

Confection:

sweet dish

Unsupported:

not supported by the facts

Estimation:

approximation, guess

Commute:

lighten, reduce, lessen

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

Was it Esteban's fault that Father Francisco died in the desert? Was it Esteban's gold obsession that led to Father Francisco's death?

Were you disappointed that Captain Martin was interested in the gold too?

Did you like the book?

Did you like the way the story ended?

Do you think Zia will wait for Esteban?

Did Esteban finally learn his lesson about the gold, and greed?

Would you read another book by this author?

Name: _____

THE KING'S FIFTH

CHAPTERS 1-2

FORTRESS OF SAN JUAN DE ULUA, SEPTEMBER 23

Who is Esteban de Sandoval?

Where is Esteban at the beginning of the story?

Who is the jailer who demands payment for Esteban for his favors?

Besides a share of the gold, what does the jailer demand from Esteban?

What is Esteban's skill, job, the thing he was trained to do?

With what event does Esteban say he is beginning to tell his story?

CHAPTER 1

How old was Esteban when his story begins?

Who is talking with Esteban in the beginning of Chapter 1?

What is Esteban asked to join in Chapter 1?

What was the name of the ship they were on?

Who was in command of the ship?

What do they believe they will find in “Cibola?”

Whose army is on the land, that the San Pedro is supposed to be meeting up with to supply?

What does Captain Mendoza bring Esteban later that night, because he has been cooped up inside, working on his map?

What does Captain Mendoza want Esteban to make his choice about, by the next morning?

CHAPTER 2

What does Admiral Alarcon call the crew together in the morning to announce?

Who is Admiral Alarcon sending ashore to look for Coronado’s army?

What was the admiral asking the rest of the crew to do?

What was the real reason Admiral Alarcon was sending Mendoza and others to shore?

Who did Admiral Alarcon look to “volunteer” after the other conspirators had volunteered?

Did Esteban volunteer to go ashore with Captain Mendoza?

Name: _____

THE KING'S FIFTH

CHAPTERS 3-5

CHAPTER 3

How many men were sent ashore in all?

What happened to the little boat as they sailed for shore?

What happened to the sailor who was taking them ashore?

What did Captain Mendoza have Roa do as he steered the boat, and the other three men bailed out water?

CHAPTER 4

How far away did Esteban figure they were from the coast when the storm stopped?

What was their next problem getting to the coast, just as they came within sight of it again?

What did Lunes claim to see in the distance as they all began to get dehydrated and tired?

Did Lunes really see what he thought he saw?

What did Captain Mendoza have the men do to try and lift morale?

CHAPTER 5

Which direction was the little boat headed steadily?

Why did Esteban think he was going to die?

Who guarded what little water they had?

What did Lunes do in the night?

Who drank the last of the fresh water?

What did Roa do when Captain Mendoza told him he could not have any of the water? (The goatskin was empty.)

What did Roa declare once he was in the water and drinking it?

When Captain Mendoza drank the water that Roa claimed was fresh, what did he discover?

FORTRESS OF SAN JUAN DE ULUA, SEPTEMBER 24

Who is Esteban taken to see by Don Filipe?

What is Esteban charged with, and what does he plead?

Where does Esteban tell Don Filipe he has notes showing the country where he says the treasure lies?

What does Esteban say he is going to tell us about next?

Name: _____

THE KING'S FIFTH

CHAPTERS 6-8

CHAPTER 6

Once on land, who does Captain Mendoza send Roa south to look for?

Do they meet up with Juan Torres?

Who else shows up in the native village?

Does Captain Mendoza tell Ensign Gomez the truth about Captain Alarcon's plan to meet up with Coronado's group?

Does Esteban tell Ensign Gomez that Mendoza didn't tell him the whole truth?

Where were Esteban and the others headed the next day?

CHAPTER 7

What does the young native tell Esteban was the reason the other young natives ran off, after they were watching the horses from a distance?

What does Esteban find out about the native boy he is talking to?

What happened to Zia's parents?

What does Esteban say when Zia asked him if he was there, like the others, to find gold in Cibola?

What does Zia ask to see, after he tells her what he is there to do?

What does Zia show Esteban that she is carrying with her?

Who is Tigre?

Who buys Tigre from Gomez?

Who was the priest that travels with them to Coronado's camp?

CHAPTER 8

Who did Esteban and the others catch up with?

What did Mendoza have Roa and Zuniga do when he saw them?

What did the natives bring Coronado and his men to eat for strength and courage on their journey?

Did Coronado eat what was given to him?

What did Zia finally get to see Esteban do?

Was Zia impressed with Esteban's work?

Was Esteban able to work on his map the next day?

Name: _____

THE KING'S FIFTH

CHAPTERS 9-10

CHAPTER 9

After eight days of travel, where did they arrive?

Why were Zuniga and Roa particularly happy to arrive?

Did they find gold when they reached Red House?

Does the old man tell them there is gold ahead?

What did the old man call the city he spoke of?

Who seeks out the old man to find out the truth about Hawikuh?

What does the old man do the next day when Captain Mendoza passes by on his horse?

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What does Don Felipe say the men at his trial will want to know?

Where is Esteban taken?

When asked by the Audiencia, does Esteban say he found the treasure?

Does Esteban tell the Audiencia that a treasure does exist?

Who does Esteban say found the treasure?

Who comes to visit Esteban when he is back in his cell?

What does Esteban write about next? An event that Captain Martin was also part of.

CHAPTER 10

When the other horses were starving, how do Mendoza's horses do and why?

What did Coronado learn from natives, when they were just two days journey from Hawikuh?

Despite the warning, why did Coronado have to go on to Hawikuh?

What were the walls of Hawikuh made of?

Did Hawikuh look deserted when they first arrived?

What did they see rise up behind the mounds of Hawikuh?

What were the natives guarding Hawikuh called?

How do the natives react after Coronado sends forth a group to talk to them?

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THE KING'S FIFTH

CHAPTERS 11-12

CHAPTER 11

What did Captain Mendoza give Esteban right before the encounter at Hawikuh?

What did Esteban give Zia to protect before the battle?

In the attack, which of the leaders was seriously hurt?

Did the attack keep on after he was injured?

Who did Esteban get into combat with?

Who came to Esteban's aid after the young Cibolan was badly injured?

When given the sword, did Esteban kill the Cibolan?

Who killed the Cibolan Esteban had been fighting?

CHAPTER 12

Did they find gold after the Spaniards defeated the Cibolans?

Did Coronado recover from his wounds?

Who helped in Esteban's recovery?

When Mendoza was to set out to the northwest with a small group, did Esteban invite himself to come along?

Who else did Esteban get invited to come with them?

Did Father Francisco accompany Mendoza and his group?

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Who is there to take Esteban to court that day?

What is the maximum sentence his counselor tells Esteban he could get?

What does Esteban hope to get in exchange for his notes?

How many animals does Esteban tell the court it took to carry all the gold they had found?

Who does Esteban say is the only one who knows where the gold was hidden?

Was Captain Mendoza in the group that found the gold?

Back in his cell, what does Don Felipe make Esteban do to prove he is telling the truth?

What does Esteban say he is going to write about next?

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THE KING'S FIFTH

CHAPTERS 13-16

CHAPTER 13

What city were Mendoza and his group heading for?

What did the horses warn them of, as they traveled in the dark?

What did they find when they walked up ahead?

What did Zia discover down in the canyon that the others did not see right away?

CHAPTER 14

Did they find an easy way down into the canyon?

What did Mendoza and a small group, including Esteban, decide to do?

Did they make it to the floor of the canyon and the river?

What did the men worry about as they got to the base of the canyon?

What did Zia smell at night?

What does Zia name the horse that some day she hopes to ride?

Do they find someone to lead them to the city by the river?

Who was Quantah?

Did the Chief know of any gold in his territory?

CHAPTER 15

That night, what does Mendoza come to tell Esteban he has found in the river?

What did Mendoza do early the next morning?

Did Esteban get caught up in “gold fever,” when he first picked up a nugget in the river?

Who came by, that put a stop to Esteban’s thoughts of searching for gold all day?

CHAPTER 16

Who went with Esteban to join Chief Quantah and his people in their morning ritual?

What did Mendoza and the others report about the gold they found in the stream?

Where did Chief Quantah tell Mendoza he could find more such stones?

What did Mendoza tell the Chief he wanted to use to get the gold dust to cling to it?

What did Chief Quantah tell Mendoza about killing sheep?

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THE KING'S FIFTH

CHAPTERS 17-18

CHAPTER 17

What map did Esteban decide to work on?

Who came by while Esteban was working on his map?

What does Esteban warn Mendoza about doing that will anger Chief Quantah?

What did Esteban notice about Mendoza's, Roa's, and Zuniga's doublets later that night, by the firelight?

CHAPTER 18

What did Father Fransisco plan on doing with the natives early in the morning?

What does Zuniga whisper to Esteban?

What breaks up the baptism?

Do Mendoza and the others get back to their camp without being attacked?

What news does Father Fransisco return from Chief Quantah?

Does Mendoza believe what the Chief has said?

What does Mendoza do to try and create a distraction while they escape?

How many of the gold-covered fleeces do they carry with them?

What did Zuniga decide to go back for, when they almost reached the defile?

What happened to Zuniga when he was on his way back with the fleece?

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What is Esteban asked to recount first, on his third day in court?

Does the royal fiscal ask Esteban about their escape from Nexpan?

Does Esteban think the royal fiscal already knows the answers to the questions he is asking him?

What does the royal fiscal accuse Esteban of saying to Captain Mendoza?

What does the royal fiscal go on to say he is going to prove Esteban did, in regards to Captain Mendoza?

Who is the witness the royal fiscal has against Esteban, who accuses him of murder?

Name: _____

THE KING'S FIFTH

CHAPTERS 19-20

CHAPTER 19

Where does Mendoza think they should go next to look for gold?

What does Roa say the name of the city is?

How far away is it from Nexpan?

What caused Mendoza and the group to have to seek shelter?

Where did they seek shelter?

What do they consider eating, if they get short on food?

What does Mendoza say about eating the mules?

CHAPTER 20

Who did Esteban hear calling outside as he awoke in the morning?

Who did Esteban look for, and was surprised to see was not still asleep?

Who took off on one of the horses with the gold they had collected?

What happened when Mendoza tried to go after Torres?

Who was the first to discover Torres trying to steal the gold and ride off?

What had Zia heard, that got her up in the first place?

When was it that they finally got the saddles fixed, and were able to head out toward Tawhi?

How long does Esteban foretell it will be until they reach Tawhi?

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What does Don Felipe bring Esteban?

When does Esteban say he will work on the map?

How long does Esteban say it will take him to finish the map to Cibola?

Who comes to see Esteban after Don Felipe leaves?

What does the captain say he intends to do at Esteban's trial?

When left alone, what does Esteban say he is going to write about next?

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THE KING'S FIFTH

CHAPTERS 21-23

CHAPTER 21

Where had Esteban and the others arrived in Chapter 21?

Who was Tlascingo?

What does Mendoza tell the cacique that their horses like to eat?

Does Tlascingo tell Mendoza they have much gold?

Where does Tlascingo say the gold is?

CHAPTER 22

Did Mendoza believe Tlascingo had much gold in his possession?

What do Mendoza and Esteban do, to find out if Mendoza was right about there being gold in the city?

Had Mendoza noticed where Tlascingo had sent his man to retrieve the gold he traded to Mendoza?

Did Mendoza discover he was right about the amount of gold Tlascingo had?

What did Mendoza and Esteban discover about the lake that was in the village?

Was the lake a natural lake?

What was Mendoza's plan to get the gold?

CHAPTER 23

What sound did Esteban say he awoke to?

What do Esteban and Mendoza observe in the morning, that explains how the gold got in the bottom of the lake?

Seeing the dam during the ceremony, does Esteban think Mendoza's plan could work?

What does Mendoza promise to bring to trade with Tlascingo in two days?

Why does Esteban not try harder to make one of the leather pouches to carry the gold they are going to steal?

Why does Esteban object to Mendoza's plan?

Does Mendoza say he thinks the people of the village will drown if he drains the lake?

What did Esteban think when he saw Roa and Mendoza leave to put his plan into effect?

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THE KING'S FIFTH

CHAPTERS 24-26

CHAPTER 24

What did Esteban plan to do if Mendoza did not return?

What did Esteban tell Zia that morning, when she came to comb Blue Star?

Was Zia able to ride Blue Star?

How did Zia thank Esteban after she finished her first ride?

CHAPTER 25

What did Father Francisco say he planned to do the next morning?

What did Esteban tell Father Francisco they would be doing instead of visiting Tawhi?

The next morning, how did Esteban know if Mendoza had completed his plan?

Who did Esteban see on the cliff when he went to check?

What did Roa throw down the cliff to him?

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Who is to testify today in Esteban's trial?

Does Esteban spot Torres in the court room?

After the fiscal cross examines Esteban, who does he call to the stand?

What does the fiscal get Torres to say that Esteban told Mendoza after the argument leaving Nexpan?

Why does Torres say he left Mendoza and the others in the cave after the storm?

What reason does Torres give for stealing the gold?

What does the fiscal tell the court he will present to them in two days?

On the way back to the cell, who does Don Felipe tell Esteban the other witness is?

CHAPTER 26

Did Roa and Mendoza make it back, and join Esteban and the others as they left with the gold?

What was different about the story Mendoza told Father Francisco, and the story Roa told Esteban?

Did the natives follow them as they escaped with the gold?

What happened to stop the natives from Tawhi from following them?

Name: _____

THE KING'S FIFTH

CHAPTERS 27-29

CHAPTER 27

Did they head back toward Hawikuh in the same way that they came?

What ended up in their path that forced them to change direction from a straight path?

What did Mendoza send Roa ahead to Hawikuh to do?

What did Esteban wonder was the real reason Mendoza was sending Roa away?

CHAPTER 28

Who threatened to steal the meat that Zia was cooking?

What happened when Mendoza tried to get his dog under control?

What happened to Mendoza?

What did Father Francisco say they would do the next morning?

Did Esteban do as Father Francisco had suggested?

Did Tigre follow them when they left?

CHAPTER 29

Who did Esteban and the group encounter on their third day of travel?

What did Esteban demand to know from Zia?

What did Zia do when the natives left the next morning?

What did Esteban do, when Zia would not stay even if he let her ride Blue Star?

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Is Zia there to testify?

Does the fiscal ask Zia about Mendoza's death, or ask if Esteban killed him?

What does the fiscal ask Zia about?

Does Zia know where Esteban hid the gold?

What does Zia tell the court about Roa?

Did Esteban get to talk to Zia after she testified?

What does Zia say when Esteban suggests that Zia had traveled with them because she wanted to help make maps and for Blue Star?

What does Esteban say he has yet to tell us?

Name: _____

THE KING'S FIFTH

CHAPTERS 30-31

CHAPTER 30

Where had Esteban decided to take the gold?

Why was Esteban not going to Hawikuh?

When Father Francisco realized where Esteban was headed, did he decide to go with him?

What kept Father Francisco happy and busy, as they traveled along?

Why did Esteban continue to look back as they traveled on?

CHAPTER 31

What does Father Francisco say when Esteban says the gold is theirs?

What did Esteban call the place they reached because it was hot?

What did Esteban have them do to get through the heat?

Who did Esteban think he saw following them in the distance?

What became of Father Francisco before they reached fresh water?

What did Esteban do with the gold?

Who did Esteban find a message from, when he reached the first tall tree he came to?

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What news does Don Felipe give Esteban about what the fiscal has done about the hidden treasure?

Does Esteban tell Don Felipe that they will be able to find the treasure with the map he made for him?

Who has come to the court to hear the verdict?

What is the verdict?

What is the sentence?

Who comes to see Esteban that night?

To Esteban's disappointment, what has he come to talk to Esteban about?

What does he offer to let Esteban do?

Does Esteban accept the offer he is given?

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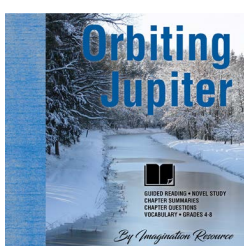
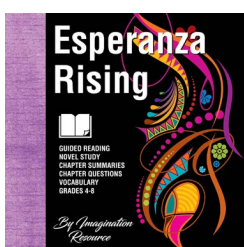
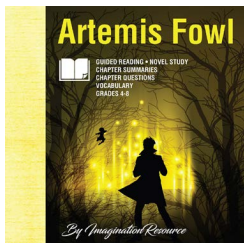
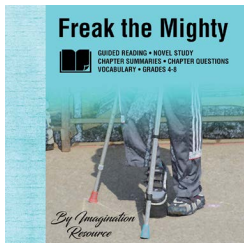
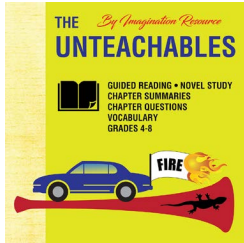
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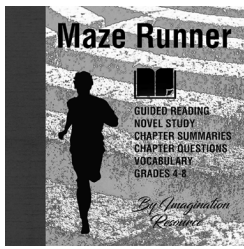
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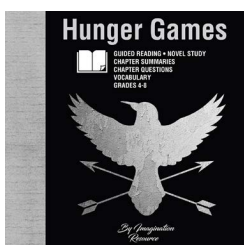
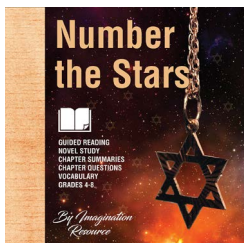
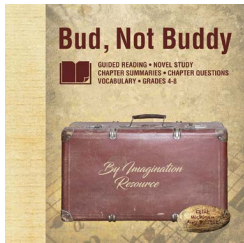
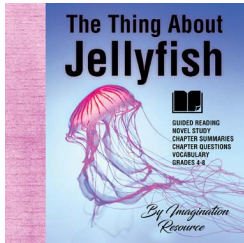
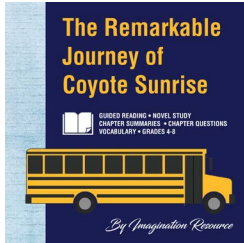
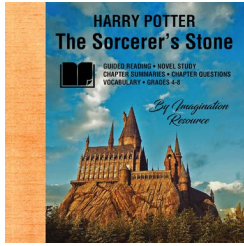
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