

The Highest Tide, by Jim Lynch

Reading Log #3

Chapters 23-30 (20 points)

Reading logs are designed to increase comprehension, demonstrate your understanding of the book and focus our discussion of the book. Each response here may be in note form, brief and hand-written.

Vocabulary - Please find the words in their original sentence in the book (page numbers are given, but may not match your book). Then select the best definition from the dictionary and write it next to the word on the Reading Log.

Chapter 23

1. Compare the phone call Kenny, Miles and Blister make with Miles' conversation with his parents – note how each relates to uncovering truths. Use supporting details for both.
2. Why doesn't Miles feel comfortable calling Prof. Kramer about the hockey gloves? – *you may want to review Chapter 15*

Chapter 24

1. Describe in your own words how Miles' dad feels about himself as both a man and a parent. Use supporting details.
2. Florence warns Miles that “attention changes people, even strong, humble young people.” (p. 187) In what ways do you think this is true for Miles? Be specific with your supporting details.

Vocabulary: schmaltzy (p. 184)

Chapter 25

1. Examine the similarities of how Skookumchuck Bay as changed with how Florence's life has changed. Write 3-5 sentences and be specific with your supporting details.

Chapter 26

1. What do you think is the author's purpose for including the scene between Miles and B.J.?
2. Although the author doesn't say, what do you think Angie thought about the squid eggs?

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Chapter 27

1. What is the purpose of the BioBlitz?
2. List the unexpected creatures found during the BioBlitz.

Chapter 28

1. How does Miles conversation with his mother contribute to his feelings of being ordinary by the end of the chapter? Support your answer with specific details.

Vocabulary: flotilla (p. 220)

Chapter 29

1. Why do you think this chapter opens with the comment, "See, even Rachel Carson didn't understand everything"? (p. 230) – *you may need to read the whole chapter to answer this well.*
2. Why do you think Miles howled at the moon? Be specific with your supporting details.

Vocabulary: yapping (p. 232)

slackened (p. 238)

Chapter 30

1. Summarize in your own words the explanation for the highest tide in 53 years.
2. Summarize in your own words the explanation for the weird stuff that showed up in Puget Sound?
3. Explain what you think Angie meant when she said, "The ocean will wait for you, Miles, and so will I." (p. 245) Be specific when you support your opinion.
4. How might her comment connect to Rachel Carson's wonderings at the beginning of Chapter 29?