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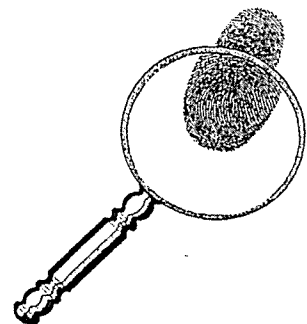
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4. What are the guests' plans for the next day?
5. What happens to Mr. Marston?
6. Predict: Will the guests leave the next morning? Why or why not?

Chapter 5 - Pages 50-59

1. How do the guests react to Mr. Marston's death?
2. What are Judge Wargrave's thoughts about the Seton case?
3. What happened to one of the Indian china figurines?
4. What are General MacArthur's silent thoughts as he tries to sleep?
5. What are Vera Claythorne's silent thoughts as she tries to sleep?
6. Predict: Will any of the other guests die on the island? Why or why not?

Chapter 6 - Pages 60-70

1. What happened to Mrs. Rogers?
2. How did Mrs. Rogers die?
3. Who do the guests suspect and why?
4. Predict: Will the seventh china figurine disappear? Why or why not?

Chapter 7 - Pages 71-79

1. Who was Miss Beatrice Taylor and what did she do?
2. What happened to Miss Brady?
3. Why are the three men searching the island?
4. Predict: Will the men find what they are looking for?

Chapter 8 - Pages 80-92

1. Why does Mr. Lombard have a gun?
2. What is wrong with General MacArthur?
3. What do the men find as they search the island?
4. Predict: If there is no place for a person to hide on the island, then who is causing the deaths?

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Chapter 9 - Pages 93-111

1. What is perjury?
2. What happens to General MacArthur?
3. What does the judge suggest to the guests?
4. Why do the guests become suspicious of each other?
5. What is an alibi?
6. Predict: Who of the seven is the murderer? Why?

Chapter 10 - Pages 112-121

1. Who does Mr. Lombard suspect? Why?
2. Who does Miss Claythorne suspect? Why?
3. What is haunting Miss Brent?
4. What is missing from the bathroom?
5. Predict: What clue is in the missing item?

Chapter 11 - Pages 122-132

1. Why did the guests oversleep?
2. Where is Miss Brent?
3. Why does Miss Claythorne talk about bees and hives?
4. Who does Mr. Blore suspect?
5. Predict: Who will be the next victim? Why?

Chapter 12 - Pages 133-142

1. Why does Miss Brent feel giddy?
2. What does Mr. Blore mean when he says, "Hearts as hard as flints...?"
3. What stung Miss Brent?
4. Who is suspected of Miss Brent's death?
5. What does the judge suggest to the guests?
6. Why are the guests doing everything as a group?
7. Predict: Where is the missing revolver?

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Chapter 13 - Pages 143-152

1. What is the weather like?
2. Why are the guests eating tinned (canned) foods?
3. Why are they using candles?
4. What is the significance of the seaweed in Miss Claythorne's room?
5. Why doesn't Miss Claythorne take a drink?
6. What happened to Justice Wargrave?
7. Predict: Who is responsible for the last death?

Chapter 14 - Pages 153-165

1. What does Mr. Blore hear?
2. Where is Dr. Armstrong?
3. What is the weather like?
4. Why are Mr. Blore and Mr. Lombard's feet and trouser bottoms wet?
5. Predict: Is Dr. Armstrong dead?

Chapter 15 - Pages 166-177

1. What does SOS mean?
2. What does Miss Claythorne mean when she says the red herring is a vital clue?
3. Why does Mr. Blore want Mr. Lombard to stay with Miss Claythorne?
4. What happened to Mr. Blore?
5. What is a Priest's Hole?
6. What do they find on the rocks in the sea?
7. Predict: Who is the murderer?

Chapter 16 - Pages 178-183

1. What happens between Miss Claythorne and Mr. Lombard?
2. What does Miss Claythorne do when she goes to her room?
3. Predict: What will someone think when they come to the island to check on the guests?

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Epilogue 1 - Pages 184-193

1. What role did Mr. Morris play in the book?
2. What happened to Mr. Morris?
3. Who made the gramophone record?
4. Why do the police investigate all the deaths mentioned on the gramophone?
5. Predict: How did the chair Miss Claythorne used get neatly put back against the wall?

Epilogue 2 - Pages 194-204

1. Describe Justice Wargrave.
2. Why did the author include this manuscript?
3. What is "the brand of Cain"? How does it relate to Wargrave?