

THE GHOST OF BULLY BURNES – EXTRA ACTIVITIES

Chapter One

Read through the chapter, put aside your book and answer the following questions:

What did Toby see from his bedroom window?

What did Toby decide to do about Phil?

Without using your book, fill in the following gaps:

For a long _____, Toby stood at the _____ and repeated the word _____ over and over again. Finally, he put the _____ down. He couldn't call the _____. The first thing he had to do was to talk with his _____. He had known him practically all his _____. They had gone to the same _____ and grade school together. He couldn't believe that Phil was part of a _____. He wasn't like that.

Chapter Two

Read chapter two carefully, put aside your book and focus on the following sentences. Correct the ones that are false.

1-His father had sold his car and the garage was nearly empty.

2-He had prepared the raid carefully, going through neighborhoods and looking into garages, most of which were left open.

3-An important part of his preparation was the weather forecast, which told him which nights would be rainy, the right weather for a raid.

4-He had found a fence in Portland whose specialty was transporting stolen goods by truck to markets in Boston and New Haven.

5-The one problem with his fence was that he didn't always come on time.

6-The boys in his gang were so afraid of him that they were ready to do anything he said.

7-Bully knew that he had to keep a close eye on his gang.

8-He was sixteen, much too old for middle school, but if all went well, he would soon be free!

9-He would soon have enough money to buy a license.

10-His dream was to make enough money to lease a Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Chapter Three

What was different about the hike to the hilltop this time?

Internet research: Do some Internet research on Mount Katahdin. Make a list of facts about the mountain.

What is Phil's explanation for the fact that he didn't eat lunch with Toby together in school?

What was the 'big stuff' Toby wanted to talk to Phil about?

Chapter Four

Describe Phil's reaction when Toby said that one of the garage thieves looked a lot like him.

How did Phil react when Toby showed him the photo of him coming out of the garage?

How did Phil get involved with the Bully Burnes gang?

How did Toby react when Phil explained why he hadn't turned to him for help?

Chapter Five

Read through the chapter carefully, put aside your book and try to put the following sentences in the correct chronological order:

1-It wasn't long before scenes, like videos, began unfolding in his mind.

2-The following morning, Toby awoke early with the hint of a headache.

3-Two scenarios, both no-win situations!

4-Reaching the hilltop, his eyes scanned the horizon but there was no mountain in sight.

5-He had been thinking so much about Phil that he forgot all about brunch with Emily.

6-Just talking with her about it would be a help.

7-Emily's answer came quickly.

Chapter Six

Read through the passage from line 6, page 19, to line 2, page 20 slowly, put away your book and try to find the words that don't belong in the text. There are eleven of them.

Two hours later, he got up slowly, stretched, and went over to the window. For the next several minutes he stood there quietly, looking out but not really seeing anything, thinking about what he had learned, very disappointed that it wasn't more.

Okay, he had gained some general information about bullies, interesting stuff like why they act the way they do, or why they choose certain people to be their victims. What he hadn't found was some really helpful practical advice. Sure, the idea that you should totally ignore bullies and show them that their terrible insults and threats didn't bother you was very good advice. And it might even have helped Phil if he had followed it from the beginning, when Bully first started picking on him. But now it was much too late. Now it was like advising a drowning person to take some swimming lessons.

Chapter Seven

Why was Toby happily surprised when he entered the kitchen?

What did Toby mean when he realized that Emily could see right through him?

How did Emily react when Toby told her about Phil?

What advice did Emily give Toby about dealing with Bully Burnes?

Chapter Eight

Imagine that you are Toby. As soon as you return home from school, Emily sees you. You tell her about what happened to you at school. You can begin like this:

Emily: 'What happened to you? You're pale as a ghost!'

Toby: 'Uh, yeah. I, uh, saw a car accident on my way home.'

Emily: 'What about your jacket? It's all dirty. And your book bag, too!'

Toby: 'I, uh – yeah, okay, it wasn't a car accident, it was Bully Burnes. He was angry at me.'

Chapter Nine

1-Phil calls Toby 'Mr. App'. Make a list of the apps Toby bought and explain how he plans to use them.

2-Why is Phil worried about Toby's plan?

Chapter Ten

After reading through the chapter, cover the answers of the 'soft voice' and say the words of the 'loud voice'. Write down the answers of the 'soft voice' as you remember them, and then compare your answer with the one in the text. Write down the correct answer.

Chapter Eleven

After reading through the chapter, put aside your book and fill in the correct verb forms* in the following text:

****Main verbs in English have five different forms:***

the base form, also known as the infinitive, e.g. work, take;

the past form, e.g. worked, took;

the past participle or -ed form, e.g. worked, taken (in regular verbs this takes the same form as the past, but in irregular verbs it can be different, e.g. took, taken.);

the -ing form, e.g. working, taking;

the third person singular present simple , or -s form, e.g. works, takes

He (be) _____ ready. That night, he (slip) _____ silently from his house and (ride) _____ to Bully's place. When he (get) _____ there, he (hide) _____ his bike on the other side of the street opposite the garage and (get) _____ up behind a large tree. There he (stand) _____ (wait) _____, very still. He (be) _____ right about Bully (pay) _____ attention to the weather. He (choose) _____ a dark night. The moon (lie) _____ (hide) _____ behind thick, black clouds. But Toby's eyes (adjust) _____ to the darkness quickly and he (can) _____ (see) _____ quite clearly now.

Chapter Twelve

Read the chapter carefully, put aside your book and, using your own words, explain the following sentences. Who is talking to whom and what do they mean?

- 1-'You're not the kind of guy to use pepper spray on someone.'
- 2-'You press that button and you'll spray your buddy, not me.'
- 3-'I'll get you for that!'
- 4-'I know you're not going to spray me.'
- 5-'Don't do it! I'm leaving.'
- 6-'Cool! That was so cool, man – the way you stood up to him!'
- 7-'Yeah, and Chris pulled out his gun and stopped them!'
- 8-'The main thing is that he *thought* you would do it.'

Chapter Thirteen

Toby and Phil take the ex-gang members with them to Carver Hill. Read through the chapter, put away your book and try to answer the following questions:

- 1-Why do they take the ex-gang members with them?
- 2-What happens that shows that the boys are worried and withdrawn?
- 3-What does it mean when Toby winked at Phil?
- 4-How do the boys react to Toby's question about Bully Burnes?

Chapter Fourteen

True or false? Correct the sentences that are false!

- 1-The police didn't know that Toby made the video.
- 2-Bully attacked Toby and injured him.
- 3-The boys praised Phil for stopping Bully.
- 4-Luis said that he was angry about all that Bully had done to him.
- 5-Jay said that Bully belonged in jail.
- 6-Toby said that the video would prove that Bully was guilty.
- 7-Phil warned the others about what Bully would do if the police caught him.

8-Toby said that when the investigation was over, everyone would know that Bully was lying.

9-Jabir was pleased that his name would be in the newspapers and on the Internet.

10-Toby told them that they would have to appear in court only once.

Chapter Fifteen

1-What was the important information about Bully that Toby had received?

2-What did Alfred ask the boys?

3-What did Toby do to try to keep the Bangor police from knowing where Bully went?

4-What did Toby mean when he said that trying to find Bully in NYC would be like looking for a needle in a haystack?

5-How did Toby react to the phone call?

Chapter Sixteen

Read the chapter carefully and make a list of at least 15 examples of body language. Body language is the unspoken element of communication that we use to reveal our true feelings and emotions, e.g., our gestures, tone of voice, facial expressions and posture.

You can begin like this:

1-his voice trembling

2-fell silent a moment

3-pop-eyed with shock

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