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Chapter One

1. What is Matt's club for?
2. What do they plan for their first adventure?
3. List a few things you already know about this period in history.
4. What does Matt do with his peas?
5. Why does Matt invite Katie to the campout?

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Chapter Two

1. Why does Matt name himself and Q as the club experts for the adventure?
2. According to the history book, what were some of the problems Washington faced during the winter of 1776?
3. According to the history book, why was it so important for Washington to win at Trenton?
4. Describe the members of the club and their jobs:
 - a. Matt
 - b. Q, short for Quentin
 - c. Tony
 - d. Hooter (Brian Melrose)
 - e. Katie

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Chapter Three

1. Why are the kids feeling a little embarrassed at the beginning of the chapter?
2. How does Katie get the boys to take her on the hike around the lake?

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Chapter Four

1. What is the legend of Levy Lake, or Lake Levart?
2. What is so important about the rowboat?
3. What happened to Adam Hibbs?

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Chapter Five

1. What was Tony's grandfather trying to tell him when Tony's mom interrupted?
2. What is tonight's moon phase and why is that important?
3. Katie went missing when she ran to get her...
4. What does Katie do that worries everyone?
5. Why do the others follow Matt to the boat?

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Chapter Six

1. Where are the kids now? Describe the setting.
2. What happened to Katie?
3. What is the name of the boat?

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Chapter Seven

1. Who rescues Katie from the ice?
2. What makes the Continental Army soldiers concerned that the kids might be spies?
3. Why don't the soldiers understand when the kids say they are from Nebraska?

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Chapter Eight

1. Why does Hooter hold on to Tony so tight?
2. What did John Glover's Marbleheaders do?
3. Matt realizes that George Washington and his troops had an amazing amount of courage because...
4. Why does Matt feel cowardly in his modern clothes?
5. How many soldiers did Washington ferry across the Delaware River that night? Why was it such a big job?
6. What does a piece of paper in his cap mean for someone in Washington's army?
7. Who is put in charge of getting Matt and his friends to safety?

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Chapter Nine

1. Why is it important for everyone to be quiet when the boats land?
2. Why were the soldiers called "Washington's ragtag band of rebels?"
3. Why does Matt separate from the group and go back to the soldiers?
4. Why can't Matt rejoin his friends?
5. Why does the nine mile march to Trenton have to be silent?

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Chapter Ten

1. Who is Israel Gates?
2. Why does Matt give Israel his shoe instead of trading it for Israel's shirt?
3. What does Israel want to do when his time in the army is over?
4. What does Israel need to take to Abby?
5. What it is about buying the beads that shows how generous Israel is?

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Chapter Eleven

1. Describe what Matt knows about Henry Knox.
2. What did Henry Knox bring back from Fort Ticonderoga and why is it important to the Battle of Trenton?
3. How does General Washington remind Matt of his father?
4. Matt thinks that different people are fighting on the Patriot side for different things. What is Henry Knox fighting for? What is Israel fighting for?

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Chapter Twelve

1. How do the men describe the Hessians?
2. Why does the drummer wear a red coat?
3. Matt remembers from his report that there were only a few people killed at the Battle of Trenton, but why doesn't that make him feel better?

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Chapter Thirteen

1. Why is the snow in front of Matt and Israel bloody?
2. What is wrong with Israel?
3. What does Henry advise Matt to do with Israel?
4. What is the risk for Matt if he stays with Israel?
What will happen if he falls asleep?
5. What does Israel ask Matt to do for him?

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Chapter Fourteen

1. Who saves Matt? What does he advise Matt to do when Matt doesn't want to leave Israel?
2. Describe the Hornbees' farmhouse.
3. Who does Mrs. Hornbee remind Matt of?
4. How did Mr. Hornbee know to look for Matt?

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Chapter Fifteen

1. Why is it a problem that Mr. Hornbee wouldn't sign for the King's protection papers?
2. Why can't Matt stay at the Hornbees?
3. What does Matt mean when he wonders who Mr. Hornbee is trying to convince of his wife's kindness?
4. What does Mrs. Hornbee give Matt? What does that say about her?
5. What has Matt lost and why is he so upset?
6. What do you think Mr. Hornbee means by "don't think too badly of us?"
7. People Matt meets in 1776 remind him of people he knew back home. Why do you think the author makes this comparison? Why does Israel not remind Matt of anyone and what is the author trying to say?

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Chapter Sixteen

1. Who does Matt find standing on the trail in front of him?
2. Who is with the Indians?
3. What happened to Adam Hibbs?
4. Was Adam Hibbs the same Adam Hibbs who was lost on the lake?
5. What happened to Katie and Q?
6. What did the Indians do for Hooter and Tony?

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Chapter Seventeen

1. How does Matt get the Indians to understand that he is looking for Katie?
2. What does Matt trade to get the Indians to help him?
3. How does Matt compare his problem with General Washington's?

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Chapter Eighteen

1. What is it about the Hessians that makes people think they are giants?
2. How are the Hessians' uniforms and gear different from those of Washington's soldiers?
3. What does Q give the Hessian soldiers?
4. What is the problem when the soldiers find Q's dollar bill?
5. What does Matt plan to do with the muskets?

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Chapter Nineteen

1. The Hessians' plan is for two of them to track and kill the deer and for one to...
2. Why did Adam Hibbs stay in the 1700s?
3. Who does the Hessian soldier remind Matt of?
4. Why did the Hessians fight in the war?
5. Why doesn't Gustav seem like the enemy? What does he do for Katie?
6. What happens to Gustav right after he helps Katie?

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Chapter Twenty

1. What do the Patriot soldiers think of Matt and his friends?
2. What do the Patriots plan to do with Matt and Q? Tony and Katie?
3. Do the Patriot soldiers seem like the brave, good men Matt read about in history books?
4. What do the Patriot soldiers have that makes Matt so upset?
5. Something Matt did earlier really helps them when General Washington returns. What was it?
6. What does George Washington give Katie? Why does he give it to her?
7. What does General Washington promise Matt?
8. What does Matt mean when he says that there is good and bad on both sides of the war, and that sometimes it seems that the soldiers are fighting for the same things?

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Chapter Twenty-one

1. What does Katie know that the boys don't know?
2. Why do the boys make Katie Associate Vice President of the Adventure Club?
3. What do the kids figure out about Emit Levart?
4. Why is Q concerned about the boat?
5. What does Katie do that gets everyone in the boat?

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Chapter Twenty-two

1. What is the clue that tells Matt they are in the right time and place?
2. What do the kids think they did that helped them return home in the boat?
3. How does Matt get Katie to keep quiet about their time travel adventures?
4. As Matt looks at the woods and the buildings between the trees, what does he decide he'll miss about the 1700s?
5. What does Katie offer Q as a trade for George Washington's socks?
6. List the people and things the kids will miss about their adventure.

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Chapter Twenty-three

1. What does Matt do when he gets back to his bedroom?
2. What makes Matt's parents think that Katie has a big imagination?
3. What do you think happened to Matt right after the book ended?