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Grades 7-8

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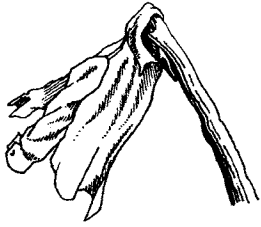
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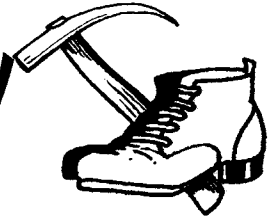
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Comprehension

Chapter One - A Boy and a Mountain:

1. How was Rudi different from the other boys in his village?

2. Why did Rudi avoid anyone who knew him?

3. Why did he stop at the shrine?

4. Why did he have to make his own climber's staff?

5. How had life changed for the people of Kurtal?

6. Why do you think Rudi said "NO" when people said the Citadel could not be climbed?

7. Why didn't he mind the silence?

8. What do you think is happening at the end of the chapter?

Chapter Two - A Boy and a Man:

1. What did Rudi do that showed how brave he was? Would you be able to do that? Why or why not?



2. Who was the man he rescued?

3. What do we find out about Rudi's father?

4. What does Rudi want to do?

5. Why can't he do what he wants?

6. Why doesn't he want anyone to know how brave he is?

Chapter Three - Two Hundred Dirty Dishes:

1. Why does Teo make up excuses for Rudi?

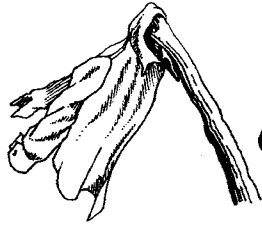
2. Explain what Teo meant when he said "You cannot Battle the wind."

3. Why doesn't Rudi's mother want him to be a climber?

4. Why did Captain Winter come to the Matt household?

5. Why do you think Uncle Franz stared at Rudi as if he had never seen him before?

6. Why didn't Rudi care about how many dishes were to be washed?



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Chapter Four - Trial...:

1. What explanation would you give for Rudi's dream?

2. Why has Rudi kept his father's shirt?

3. What does "breaking in the boots" mean?

4. Why didn't Rudi's mother kiss him before he left to go climbing?

5. Why was Rudi happy to meet Klaus? Why did he feel so satisfied?

Chapter Five - ...And Error:

1. Why did Franz take turns with Captain Winter as leader?

2. How were Franz and Captain Winter different?

3. What was Captain Winter doing with his finger when he was looking at the mountain?

4. Why wouldn't Rudi speak up?

5. Why do you think Captain Winter drew detailed sketches of the mountain?
