WHO IS Frances Rain? Novel Study

Grades 7-8

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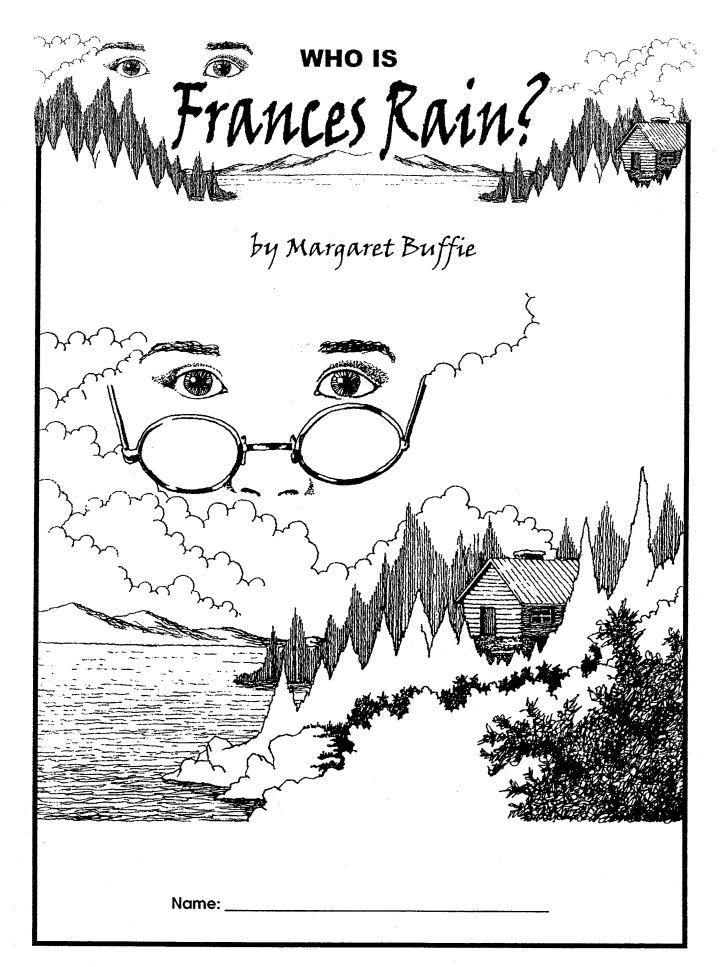
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Comprehension Questions

Prologue:

- 1. What is a prologue?
- 2. Why does the author include a prologue in this novel?
- 3. What do we find out about the main character from the prologue?

Chapter 1:

- 1. What does Lizzie find different about going to her grandmother's cabin this year?
- 2. Does Lizzie like her brother, Evan? How do you know? Give evidence from the chapter to support your answer.
- 3. Why does Lizzie like to read about the past?
- 4. Lizzie gives us a few hints about what her family is like in this chapter. What do you think they are like? Can you describe them?

Chapter 2:

- 1. What major changes have taken place in Lizzie's life recently?
- 2. What is it that Lizzie and Evan agree on? Why do you think this is so?
- How does Lizzie feel about Tim? Give examples from the chapter to support your answer.
- 4. Why do you think Tim wanted the whole family to go to Rain Lake?
- 5. Why didn't Lizzie like the idea?
- 6. Why wasn't Evan happy about going?





Chapter 3:

- 1. How do you know Tim is embarrassed about the way Evan is behaving?
- 2. Why is Evan jealous of Alex Bird?
- 3. Why wouldn't May give Evan any ice in his water?

Chapter 4:

- 1. How did May describe Evan? What did she mean by this?
- 2. How do you know that Alex wasn't hurt by Evan's behavior?
- 3. At the end of the chapter Lizzie was upset with Alex. Why?
 Do you think there might be another reason?

Chapter 5:

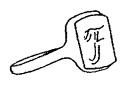
- 1. What do you think is going on between Gran and Tim?
- 2. How do Lizzie's feelings toward Tim change at the end of the chapter?
- 3. What was Gran's explanation for everyone's grumpiness?

Chapter 6:

- 1. Why was Rain Island off limits?
- 2. Why did Lizzie plan to spend some time on Rain Island?

Chapter 7:

- 1. Why didn't Gran say anything when Lizzie asked her what was going on?
- 2. If you could give Lizzie advice, what would it be?







- 3. What did Lizzie find out about Gran and Tim?
- 4. Why did Tim insist that Connie come to Rain Lake?



Chapter 8:

- 1. Why do you think Bram wouldn't come near Lizzie on the island?
- 2. What did Lizzie mean when she said that Bram had turned into a bag of chicken bones?
- 3. What explanation did she have for Bram's behavior?
- 4. Why did she feel helpless at the end of the chapter?
- 5. What decision did she have to make?

Chapter 9:

- 1. What had Lizzie forgotten?
- 2. Why do you think her grandmother would be mad?
- 3. How do you know Lizzie is changing her mind about Tim?
- 4. What did she realize about him?

Chapter 10:

- 1. Why did Evan ask his mother when she was going home?
- 2. What were Connie and Tim arguing about?
- 3. Why was Lizzie beginning to think that Alex was interesting?

