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**GRADES 6-8**

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**READ, WRITE, THINK, DISCUSS AND CONNECT**

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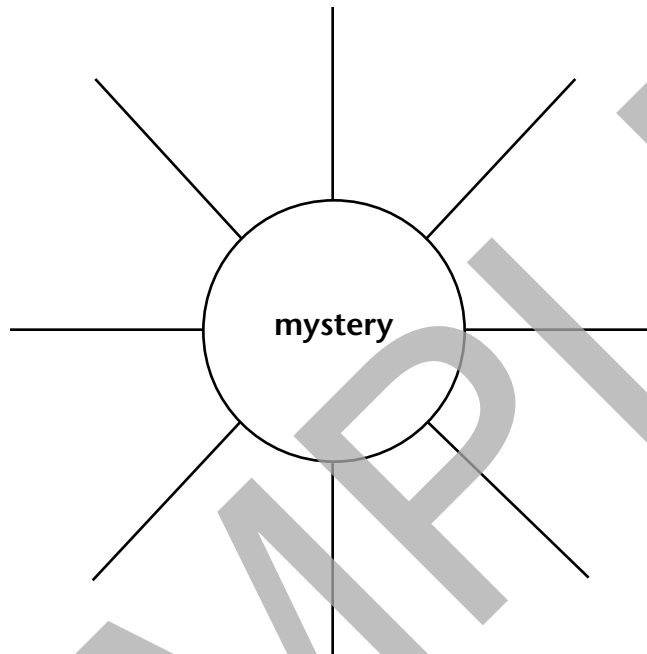
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**Directions:** Web your idea about the word “mystery.” Include your definition, attributes, famous mysteries, and famous detectives.



Throughout the reading of this murder mystery you will be in the role of DETECTIVE. A good detective has the following characteristics:



- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Notes all details
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Keeps track of clues and events
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Handles evidence carefully
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Investigates personal histories/backgrounds

Are you up to the assignment? Sign and date if you are.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Write a brief answer to each study question as you read the mystery at home or in class. Use the questions to guide your reading and prepare for class discussion.

### Chapter 1 - Pages 1-11

1. Where are the characters going? Why are they going there?
2. Where does the story take place?
3. Who is the host of the event?
4. What time of year is it?
5. Why is the island called Indian Island?
6. What did the old, drunken sailor mean when he said, "The day of judgment is at hand?"
7. Which character do you like least/best at this point?

### Chapter 2 - Pages 12-27

1. What is Miss Claythorne's job during the holiday? the rest of the year?
2. Why is Mr. Narracott surprised at the guests?
3. What is the house like on Indian Island?
4. Why does each guest's room have the nursery rhyme, "Ten Little Indians" framed and hanging on the wall?

### Chapter 3 - Pages 28-41

1. When did Mrs. Rogers, the cook, faint?
2. What is a gramophone? What is its importance in the story?
3. What is each guest accused of?
4. Why did Mr. and Mrs. Rogers play the gramophone?
5. Where are Mr. and Mrs. Owens, the hosts?
6. Why is Mr. Blore on the island?



### Chapter 4 - Pages 42-49

1. How do the guests react to the accusations?
2. What are Dr. Armstrong's private thoughts?
3. What do the guests think of Mr. Owen, the host?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

cascara (62)  
tabooed (64)  
solicitude (66)  
acquiesced (71)  
hypocrisy (73)  
juncture (75)  
stiletto (76)

desultory (63)  
ejaculations (64)  
obliquely (69)  
chaotic (73)  
condone (74)  
consultation (75)  
ferret out (79)

squally (63)  
ironic (66)  
balmy (69)  
perplexedly (73)  
self-reproach (74)  
amyl nitrite (76)  
forte (79)

ruminating (63)  
chastisement (66)  
frenzied (70)  
serenely (73)  
placidly (75)  
ampoule (76)

**Directions:** Replace each underlined section with one word from the vocabulary list.

1. He gave in easily when he was pressured by the lawyer.
2. His words and actions show he's crazy!
3. The meeting was very disorganized and confusing.
4. His behavior is horrible and I don't approve of it.
5. The music played peacefully.
6. The subject of politics was strictly off limits in my family's dinner conversations.
7. He exposed their acts of saying one thing and then doing another.
8. He asked the doctor for a meeting to get advice on his ailment.
9. The wife's caring manner for her husband was touching.
10. His strong point in baseball is pitching.
11. The slender dagger was the murder weapon.
12. Brandon's erratic behavior made him seem unsteady.

Choose five more vocabulary words from the list. Think of a sentence for each word. On a separate sheet of paper, write each sentence but replace the vocabulary word with a phrase. Give your sentences to a classmate who will replace the phrases with correct vocabulary words from the list.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Indian Island

**Directions:** Add landmarks on the island not already included (e.g., the woodpile and the manhole). Put an "X" where each victim is found and label it. Add other clues found in the novel.

