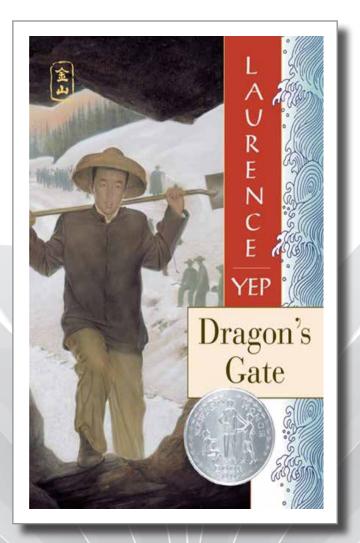
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Chapters XIX-XXI, pages 200-224

- 1. How do the men from the tunnel look as they come out after the explosion?
- 2. Where is the first place the men go after leaving the tunnel?
- 3. How is Uncle Foxfire hurt?
- 4. What does Uncle Foxfire accuse Shrimp of doing to the explosives?
- 5. Who volunteers to go into the tunnel to check for more charges?
- 6. What does Otter think about his father?
- 7. Where and how do Uncle Foxfire and Otter find Father?
- 8. Who checks Squeaky's pulse?
- 9. How do Uncle Foxfire and Otter help Squeaky?
- 10. Who else does Uncle Foxfire feel guilty about hurting?
- 11. What does Uncle Foxfire promise Otter as they bind Squeaky's wounds?
- 12. What does Squeaky ask as he begins to come to?
- 13. What happens to Squeaky's vision?
- 14. Who is first to see the light from Otter's lantern?
- 15. What name does Kilroy use for all T'ang men?
- 16. What does Otter say to Kilroy after Otter is told to go back to work?
- 17. Do any of the workers come to Otter's aid when he screams for help? Why or why not?
- 18. What does Squeaky tell Otter as Kilroy is whipping him?
- 19. Who takes care of Otter's wounds from Kilroy's whip?
- 20. Does Otter believe Uncle Foxfire when he tells him he will get off of the mountain?
- 21. What does Otter tell Father he will do for him when he returns home?
- 22. What does Otter think every morning when he wakes up?
- 23. What does Sean get for trying to help Otter?

Dragon's Gate Activity #13 • Critical Thinking Use After Reading

Exploring Characteristics

Directions: Otter was an explorer of sorts. Imagine Otter is one of your best friends. What do you like about Otter? What makes him a good friend? What does Otter do to make you like him? How does Otter talk to you, treat you, and treat your other friends? Write down the traits and behaviors that describe Otter. Now answer the same questions about yourself. How are you the same/different from Otter? Do you think Otter would like to have you as a friend?

