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The Secret School

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Please answer the following questions as you read the book. Each section will have two multiple choice questions to answer followed by a question that must be written using a complete sentence.

Chapters 1 – 3

1. What other job does Mr. Jordan have besides being the head of the school board?

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| a. principal | b. owner of the lumber mill |
| c. owner of a grocery store | d. lawyer |

2. How many students does Elk Valley schoolhouse have in total?

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| a. 4 | b. 8 |
| c. 16 | d. 20 |

3. Why does Mr. Jordan show up at the schoolhouse in Chapter 1?

Chapter 4 – 6

1. How does Ida get back inside the school once Miss Fletcher leaves?
 - a. She finds another key.
 - b. She breaks a window.
 - c. Tom and Felix break the lock on the door.
 - d. She climbs through the window.

2. What does Ida do to try to make herself old enough to be a teacher?
 - a. She puts on lipstick.
 - b. She puts her hair up with pins.
 - c. She braids her hair.
 - d. She puts on high-heeled shoes.

3. In Chapter 6, Ida’s father agrees to keep her secret of becoming the new teacher. What is the biggest reason for keeping this secret from Mr. Jordan?

Chapter 7 – 9

1. Choose the one chore that Ida does not complete before she leaves for school.
 - a. Milking the cows.
 - b. Mucking the stall.
 - c. Spreading grain for the cows.
 - d. Pinning up her hair.

2. Miss Fletcher, and now Ida, begin the school day with what activity?

a. Singing

b. Reading

c. Math

d. Geography

3. Ida does not want to use the switch on Herbert when he misbehaves at the beginning of Chapter 7. What does Ida do to get Herbert to follow the rules?

Chapter 10-12

1. Who left an apple on Ida's desk at the beginning of Chapter 10?

a. Susie Spool

b. Herbert Bixler

c. Miss Sedgewick

d. Tom Kohl

2. What does Ida regret telling Herbert's father when she visits his farm after school?

a. Herbert is failing.

b. Miss Fletcher's mother is sick.

c. She is only 14.

d. She is the teacher.

3. What is Ida doing at school the day Miss Sedgewick returns in Chapter 12?

Chapters 13- 15

1. What does Ida ask Tom to help her with at school?

- a. Bringing Ruckus inside.
- b. Chopping wood.
- c. Correcting papers.
- d. Solving a math problem.

2. Which of the following does Herbert NOT do when he shows up at Ida's farm?

- a. He tells Ida about Mr. Jordan's secret meeting.
- b. He recites a speech by Shakespeare.
- c. He asks Ida if she is trying to teach Shelby how to read.
- d. He pokes Ida on the shoulder to startle her.

3. Why is Ida so upset in Chapter 13? What is she worrying about?

Chapters 16-18

1. Why does Mr. Jordan say that the school will remain open for two more weeks?
 - a. The students need to clean up the school.
 - b. The students need to take their exams.
 - c. The school board needs to observe Ida's teaching.
 - d. The school board has found a replacement teacher.

2. What subject on the exam does Ida feel most confident about?
 - a. Geography
 - b. Arithmetic
 - c. Science
 - d. Reading

3. Why does Ida feel so sad and weary at the end of Chapter 17?
