**Chapter 1**

1. When is Kit embarrassed?
   
2. What can you tell about Kit’s life before she came to America?
   
3. How did the passengers view Kit’s retrieval of the doll?
   
4. Kit’s impression of America is uncomfortable. Why?
   
**Chapter 2**

1. The trip is long and slow without the wind. Who do the passengers blame for this, and why.
   
2. Why is Kit going to live with her aunt?
   
3. How might Kit’s aunt be different from her mother’s description?
   
4. Nat and Kit view slaves differently. What are their views?
   
5. Do you think Aunt Rachel will be happy to see Kit? Explain your answer.
   
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Chapter 3
1. How did meeting Aunt Rachel and her family go for Kit?
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________
2. How did Matthew Wood treat Kit?
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________
3. Describe the opening of the trunks.
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________
4. How did Matthew Wood spoil the fun?
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________
5. What was the real reason Kit left the island?
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

Chapter 4
1. What did Kit accidently hear before she went to bed?
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

Chapter 5
1. Why do you think Kit appreciates John reading the scriptures?
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________
2. Why does Judith admire John Holbrook?
_____________________________________________________________________

3. Who wants to call on Kit, and what do the girls tell her about him?
_____________________________________________________________________
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**Chapter 6**

1. Why doesn’t Kit want William to come courting?

2. Why did Kit look forward to Saturday evenings?

**Chapter 7**

1. What do people think about Hannah Tupper?

2. Why is Kit beginning to think of William?

3. What will Kit’s new job be?

**Chapter 8**

1. How does Kit like teaching?

2. How did Kit decide to teach the story of the Good Samaritan?

3. What happened to Kit’s school?

4. What did Kit learn about Rachel’s baby boys?
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*(Chapter 8, continued)*

4. Why did Kit go to the meadow?
   ___________________________________________
   ___________________________________________

5. Who came to see her?
   ___________________________________________
   ___________________________________________

6. How did Kit feel in Hannah’s house?
   ___________________________________________
   ___________________________________________

7. How did she feel about living in Connecticut?
   ___________________________________________
   ___________________________________________

**Chapter 9**

1. Why did Kit go to speak with Mr. Kimberly?
   ___________________________________________
   ___________________________________________

2. How does Aunt Rachel feel about Kit visiting Hannah?
   ___________________________________________
   ___________________________________________

3. Why does Hannah pay fines?
   ___________________________________________
   ___________________________________________

4. Who is Hannah’s seafaring friend, and what did he bring Hannah?
   ___________________________________________
   ___________________________________________

5. How did Nat meet Hannah?
   ___________________________________________
   ___________________________________________

6. How does Kit feel about Nat?
   ___________________________________________
   ___________________________________________
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Chapter 10
1. Who was leaving flowers for Kit? Why?
_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________

2. Why doesn’t Prudence go to school?
_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________

3. How did Prudence feel about Hannah?
_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________

4. How did Kit feel about taking Prudence to Hannah’s?
_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________

Chapter 11
1. What does the word treason mean?
_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________

2. What did Nat compare Kit to, and why?
_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________

3. How did Nat feel about Kit’s late return home?
_________________________________________________________________
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**Chapter 12**

1. What was John’s warning?

_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

2. What does *comradeship* mean?

_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

3. What surprise does John share?

_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

4. What happened John arrived at Mercy’s house?

_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

5. Do you think Kit wants to marry William? Why?

_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

**Chapter 13**

1. Who does Kit really love?

_____________________________________________________________________

2. Why is the Dolphin staying at the dock?

_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

3. Why is Kit angry with Nat?

_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

**Chapter 14**

1. What is “All Hallows Eve”?

_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

2. What does *insubordination* mean?

_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

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Chapter 15

1. Whose house did the river men prank?

_____________________________________________________________________

2. What punishment did the boys receive?

_____________________________________________________________________

3. What is a stock?

_____________________________________________________________________

4. What does the word premonition mean?

_____________________________________________________________________

5. Where has John gone, and why do you think he left?

_____________________________________________________________________

Chapter 16

1. Who do the townspeople believe is responsible for all the sickness?

_____________________________________________________________________

2. Did Matthew believe the claims that there was a witch in his house?

_____________________________________________________________________

3. What does Kit plan to do?

_____________________________________________________________________

4. What did the men do to Hannah’s house and animals?

_____________________________________________________________________

5. What miracle arrived to save them?

_____________________________________________________________________

6. Why didn’t Kit leave with Hannah and Nat?

_____________________________________________________________________
Chapter 17

1. How does Matthew feel about Kit now?

2. What do the Cruffs want to do to Kit, and why?

3. Where does Kit have to stay?

4. What does she find out about women who have been accused of witchcraft in the past?

5. How can you tell that Kit is frightened?

Chapter 18

1. Describe the hearing. Include Kit and the townspeople.

2. How did the little copybook make matters worse?

3. How did Nat and Prudence help?

4. Did you like the way this chapter ended? Why or why not?
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Chapter 19

1. Why did Kit decide to turn William away?
   ________________________________________________________________

2. What was the bad news at the end of Peabody’s wedding?
   ________________________________________________________________

3. What made Kit decide she wanted to return to Barbados?
   ________________________________________________________________

4. Who knocked at the door, and whom did he go to?
   ________________________________________________________________

Chapter 20

1. There will be two weddings. Who will be in them?
   ________________________________________________________________

2. What are Kit’s secret plans?
   ________________________________________________________________

3. Do you think Kit will be happy? Why?
   ________________________________________________________________

   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
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**VOCABULARY**

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The story ends with three couples: Mercy and John, William and Judith, and Kit and Nat. Choose one of the three couples. How did this couple find each other? Do you think they are well suited? Explain your answer, supporting it with examples from the book.

Kit was a complex character. She was honest, impulsive, headstrong, and caring. Give examples from the story that illustrate her traits.
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Chapter 1
1. After she retrieved the doll
2. She was wealthy, spoiled, and wild
3. They couldn’t believe she could float; some thought she was a witch
4. Nat and John seemed to know something about America that they didn’t share

Chapter 2
1. They blame Kit. They think she is strange, maybe even a witch.
2. She doesn’t have any family left.
3. Her aunt will be older now.
4. Nat thinks slavery is a crime; Kit is comfortable with slaves
5. Answers will vary; accept reasonable answers.

Chapter 3
1. Rachel was shocked but happy to see Kit. Rachel was wonderful
2. He was standoffish and uncomfortable with her
3. Rachel and the girls couldn’t believe all the expensive clothing Kit had
4. He wouldn’t let the girls wear the dresses Kit gave them
5. A nasty man wanted Kit to marry him; she had to escape

Chapter 4
1. That Matthew was happy she was staying.

Chapter 5
1. Opinions will vary.
2. because he is handsome
3. William. He is very well to do

Chapter 6
1. She is uncomfortable with him and doesn’t want to marry
2. She loved to hear John Holbrook read when he came to the house
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Chapter 7
1. That she is a witch
2. He may be a way for her to get out of the house
3. She will teach children to read
4. They had died

Chapter 8
1. It is dull but she likes the children
2. She decided they should act out the play
3. They closed it up
4. To find some peace
5. Hannah Tupper
6. Happy and loved
7. It was lonely and difficult

Chapter 9
1. To make things right and teach the children
2. She is afraid for Kit but understands
3. for not going to meetings
4. It is Nat, and he brings her goods
5. She found him crying in the meadows when he was eight
6. She is drawn to him

Chapter 10
1. Prudence Cuff, for being kind to her
2. Her mother says she’s stupid
3. She thinks she is a witch
4. She felt both guilty and good

Chapter 11
1. Breaking away from the king
2. To a sparrow. They tried to make her plain and ordinary
3. He blamed himself because she was late
Chapter 12
1. Be careful of Hannah
2. Friendship
3. That he loves Mercy
4. Judith claimed him
5. Answers will vary; accept reasonable answers

Chapter 13
1. Nat
2. There is no wind
3. He made fun of her and William

Chapter 14
1. The night that witches ride their broomsticks
2. disobeying

Chapter 15
1. William’s
2. What is a stock?
3. An advanced warning
4. He went to fight

Chapter 16
1. Hannah
2. No
3. To save Hannah
4. They set them on fire
5. Nat
6. Because Mercy was sick

Chapter 17
1. That she is a good person
2. Lock her up, because she puts spells on children
3. Locked in a shed
4. One of their ears is cut off, and they are branded and banished
5. She was shaking and silent
Chapter 18
1. Answers will vary, but should include: They made many accusations. Matthew stood up for her. She refused to talk.
2. It was evidence she had been at Hannah’s
3. They explained how good Kit was
4. Answers will vary.

Chapter 19
1. She didn’t love him
2. John had been taken captive
3. She wanted green grass and warm weather

Chapter 20
1. John and Mercy, and William and Judith
2. She would return to Barbados
3. Answers will vary.

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