

Kensuke's Kingdom

Read chapter 9 and then discuss some of the following questions.

Chapter 9: The Night of the Turtles

Day 1 (AF2)

1. Who is always in Kensuke's head?
2. What did Kensuke get up to in London?
3. How old is Kensuke?
4. How do Michael and Kensuke help the turtles?

Challenge:

Find quotations to show how Kensuke's attitudes have changed.

Day 2 (AF3)

1. How do you think Michael felt when Kensuke suggested building a fire tomorrow?
2. Why did Kensuke suggest building a fire?
3. How do you think Kensuke felt when Michael said his family might still be alive?

Challenge:

What have you learned from this chapter?

Day 3 (AF4/5)

1. How is the story building up towards the ending?
2. Is 'treachery' a good word to describe Michael's actions?
3. Can you find a simile and a metaphor on pg.141?

Challenge:

Write 2 similes to describe Michael's feelings, and 2 to describe Kensuke's

Day 4 (AF6/7)

1. How do the turtles teach Kensuke a lesson?
2. Do you think Michael and Kensuke are brave? Explain your answer.
3. How do you think Japan will have changed over the last 50 years?

Challenge:

Do you think Kensuke will find his family? Explain your answer.

Kensuke's Kingdom **Answers**

Chapter 9: The Night of the Turtles

Day 1 (AF2)

1. Who is always in Kensuke's head?
Michiya and Kimi
2. What did Kensuke get up to in London?
He studied to become a doctor.
3. How old is Kensuke?
75
4. How do Michael and Kensuke help the turtles?
They watched over the turtles all night. They carried the weak ones to the shoreline and scared off the birds.

Challenge:

Find quotations to show how Kensuke's attitudes have changed.

Day 2 (AF3)

1. How do you think Michael felt when Kensuke suggested building a fire tomorrow?
Listen to pupil's responses. Encourage them to refer to the text to explain their answers.
2. Why did Kensuke suggest building a fire?
To attract passing ships.
3. How do you think Kensuke felt when Michael said his family might still be alive?
Listen to pupil's responses. Encourage them to refer to the text to explain their answers.

Challenge:

What have you learned from this chapter?

Day 3 (AF4/5)

1. How is the story building up towards the ending?
Michael is preparing to leave the island and is hoping that Kensuke will come with him.
2. Is 'treachery' a good word to describe Michael's actions?
Share the dictionary definition; the act of wilful betrayal. Listen to pupil's responses.
3. Can you find an example of a simile in this chapter?
'As old as the hills'

Challenge:

Write 2 similes to describe Michael's feelings, and 2 to describe Kensuke's

Day 4 (AF6/7)

1. How do the turtles teach Kensuke a lesson?
They teach him that even though they don't know where they are going and they are very small, they are brave and go anyway.
2. Do you think Michael and Kensuke are brave? Explain your answer.
Listen to pupil's responses. Encourage pupils to refer to the text to explain their answers.
3. How do you think Japan will have changed over the last 50 years?
Listen to pupil's responses.

Challenge:

Do you think Kensuke will find his family? Explain your answer.

