

## **My Side of the Mountain**

### *Comprehension Questions:* Chapters 1,2,3 Pages 3-24

How does Sam learn survival techniques for the wilderness?

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Sam catches five nice trout but ends up crawling into his hemlock tent hungry, cold and miserable. Why?

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Explain how Sam finally learns to make a fire.

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How does Sam find information about the Gibley farm?

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Who does Sam write a letter to, and why? What happens to the letter?

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Describe how Sam's second night in the Catskills compares to his first night.

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### *Comprehension Questions:* Chapters 4,5,6 Pages 25-40

When Sam can't catch fish, what does he eat? How does he get them?

As Sam explores the Gibley farm, what does he note with "x's" on his sketch, and why?

Sam is beginning to understand that planning is very important. Explain this using details from the story.

How does following the crow pay off for Sam?

How does Sam apply his knowledge about Indians making canoes with fire to help him solve his tree problem?

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Also, Sam uses his book learning to find a stream. How?

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How is Sam planning to make his bed?

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How does Sam interact with the raccoon, and what gets the raccoon's attention?

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Why does the old lady need Sam's help, and why is Sam hesitant?

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*Comprehension Questions:* Chapters 7,8,9 Pages 41-54

How does Miss Turner, the librarian, help Sam?

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How does Sam know where to find the falcon's nest?

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Explain why Sam names the falcon chick Frightful.

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How does Sam take care of Frightful, and how does he feel about being a caregiver? Use details from the story to support your answer.

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Describe the first meeting of Sam and The Baron.

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Explain the process of salt production.

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Why does Sam desperately want a deer?

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*Comprehension Questions:* Chapters 10, 11, 12 Pages 54-85

Describe the best way to preserve food.

Explain how Sam outwits the poacher and gets the deer he's been longing for.

How does Sam solve the problem of preparing the deer hide?

Describe how Sam uses many deer parts to meet his needs.

How does The Baron get rid of the summer people?

How does Sam know that Frightful is finally trained?

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*Comprehension Questions:* Chapters 10, 11, 12 Pages 54-85

How is Jessie C. James useful to Sam?

What beverages does Sam make to drink during the summer? How are these made?

What causes Frightful to dig her talons into Sam's shoulder?

Why does Sam call the stranger Bando?

Who is Bando, and what does he really do for a living?

Sam thinks, "I had the feeling we were all back together again." What does he mean?

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*Comprehension Questions:* Chapters 13, 14, 15 Pages 85-107

Describe how the animals on the mountain are preparing for winter.

Why does Sam suddenly feel terribly lonely?

What important lesson does Sam learn when Frightful gets sick in the tree home?

What are the difficulties Sam faces when trying to build a fireplace?

What is Sam's competition for gathering nuts and apples for winter?



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*Comprehension Questions:* Chapters 13, 14, 15 Pages 85-107

Describe Sam's Halloween party.

What does Sam learn at the end of Halloween night?

How does Sam plan to survive deer season?

Sam writes, "Hunters are excellent friends when used correctly." What does he mean?

Describe Sam's new jacket and pants.

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*Comprehension Questions:* Chapters 16, 17, 18 Pages 107-131

Why does the young man compare Sam to Daniel Boone?

Why do you think Sam goes to town on Sunday when the library is closed?

What has Sam forgotten to do to prepare for winter, and how does he feel about this lapse in memory?

Why doesn't Sam become lonely during the long winter?

How does Sam compare the people of Third Avenue to chickadees?

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Who is Sam expecting to spend Christmas with, and how is he preparing for the holiday?

Explain the truths and untruths in the newspaper articles shown to Sam by Bando.

Sam hears a voice that shouts, "I know you are there!" Who does the voice belong to, and how does Sam react?

Why isn't Sam's father upset with him?

Sam's dad says, "I toil from sunup to sundown, and never have I lived so well." Explain what he means by this.

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*Comprehension Questions:* Chapters 19 and 20 Pages 131-160

How does Sam know a blizzard is coming?

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Why does Sam consider the nuthatch a good barometer?

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Describe the ice storm and how it changes the mountain.

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Sam gets a nosebleed. What does he suspect, and how does he remedy the situation?

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How does Sam help the deer survive the winter?

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*Comprehension Questions:* Chapters 19 and 20      Pages 131-160

What clues does Sam notice that tell him spring is coming?

Explain why Matt Spell comes to the Catskills.

What story does Sam tell Matt about the wild boy? Does Matt believe him?

Explain the deal that Matt makes with Sam.

Explain the conversations in Sam's head that discuss what to do about Matt.

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*Comprehension Questions:* Chapters 21 and 22      Pages 161-177

Why is Aaron sitting on the edge of a cliff, and why does Sam sing for him?

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Describe Matt's reaction to Sam's life in the tree home.

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What does making a guest house mean to Sam?

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Who is Mr. Jacket?

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*Comprehension Questions:* Chapters 21 and 22      Pages 161-177

Why does Sam want Bando to bring him a shirt and blue jeans on his next visit?

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Why does Sam hesitate to run to the voice in the woods?

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Explain why Sam's whole family is at the Gribbley farm.

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Why do you think Sam's argument with his father ended the way it did?

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