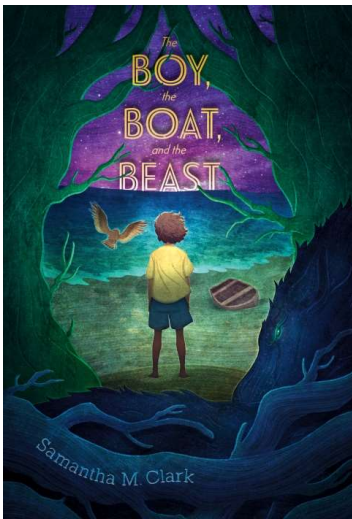


The Boy, The Boat, and The Beast

Chapter Discussion Guide For Educators and Book Clubs



About The Book

Written by **Samantha M Clark**, *THE BOY, THE BOAT, AND THE BEAST* is the story of a boy who wakes up on a mysterious beach where everything's scary and he doesn't know who he is or how he got there. After a bright light shines over the Green Wall of trees, the boy gathers up his courage and follows it, hoping to find answers and his family. But when he discovers the terrifying truth, he must face his biggest fear before he can go home.

"An unforgettable, life-affirming tale." ~ABA Booklist

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Grade Level: 3 and up

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Chapter by Chapter Questions *Questions developed by librarian Amanda Galliton.*

Born

1. Where do you think the boy is? How did he get there?
2. Who is he and why doesn't he remember anything?

Company

1. Where did the refrigerator come from? Was it real?
2. Why do you think the magnets and picture of knight on the refrigerator were familiar to him?
3. Who was talking to the boy?

Rescue

1. What do you think is in the Green Wall?
2. Where did the woman's voice come from? Who do you think it belongs to?
3. Who/What do you think told him to, "Trust me. Jump!?"

Family

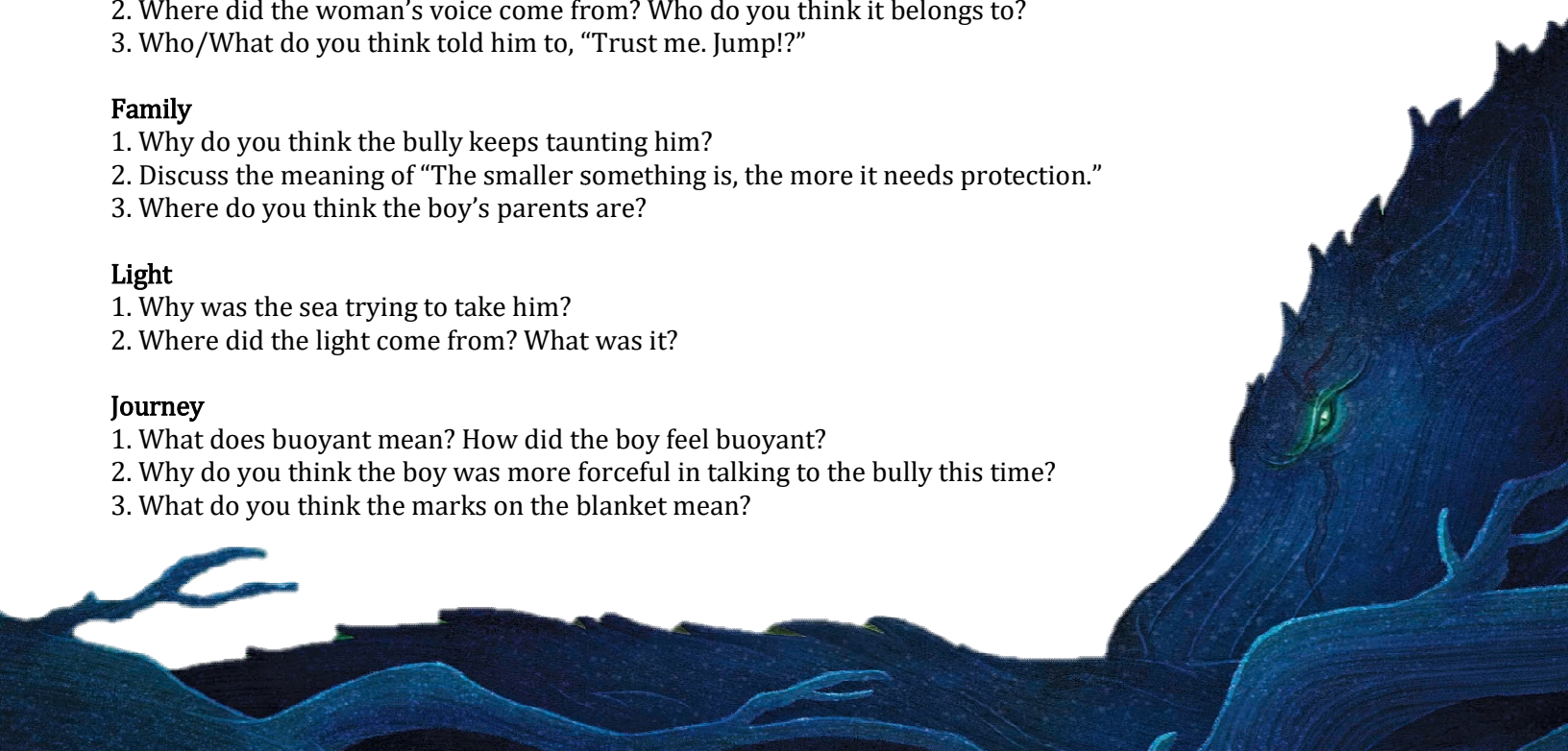
1. Why do you think the bully keeps taunting him?
2. Discuss the meaning of "The smaller something is, the more it needs protection."
3. Where do you think the boy's parents are?

Light

1. Why was the sea trying to take him?
2. Where did the light come from? What was it?

Journey

1. What does buoyant mean? How did the boy feel buoyant?
2. Why do you think the boy was more forceful in talking to the bully this time?
3. What do you think the marks on the blanket mean?



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Mountain

1. What do you think is at the Umbrella Beach?
2. What are the sea grapes?

Green Wall

1. Why do you think the boy can recognize some things like the frogs croaking, but can't remember his name or what his parents look like?
2. What does the beast look like?

Beast

1. What happened to the beach?
2. Was his mom sending him signs? A way to get back?

Night

1. Where did the tree house come from?

Storm

1. Why do you think the boy keeps telling stories, "Once upon a time...?"

Return

1. Where is the light coming from?

Mirror

1. Who do you think E and O are?
2. What happened to the tree house?
3. Who is the boy in the mirror?

Umbrella Beach

1. Who is the voice? Is it still who you thought it was from "Company"?
2. Do you think his parents are in the lighthouse? Why or why not?

Lighthouse

1. Why does the boy keep hearing, "Trust me. Jump!"?
2. How is the lighthouse sending out light if there wasn't a bulb?

Map

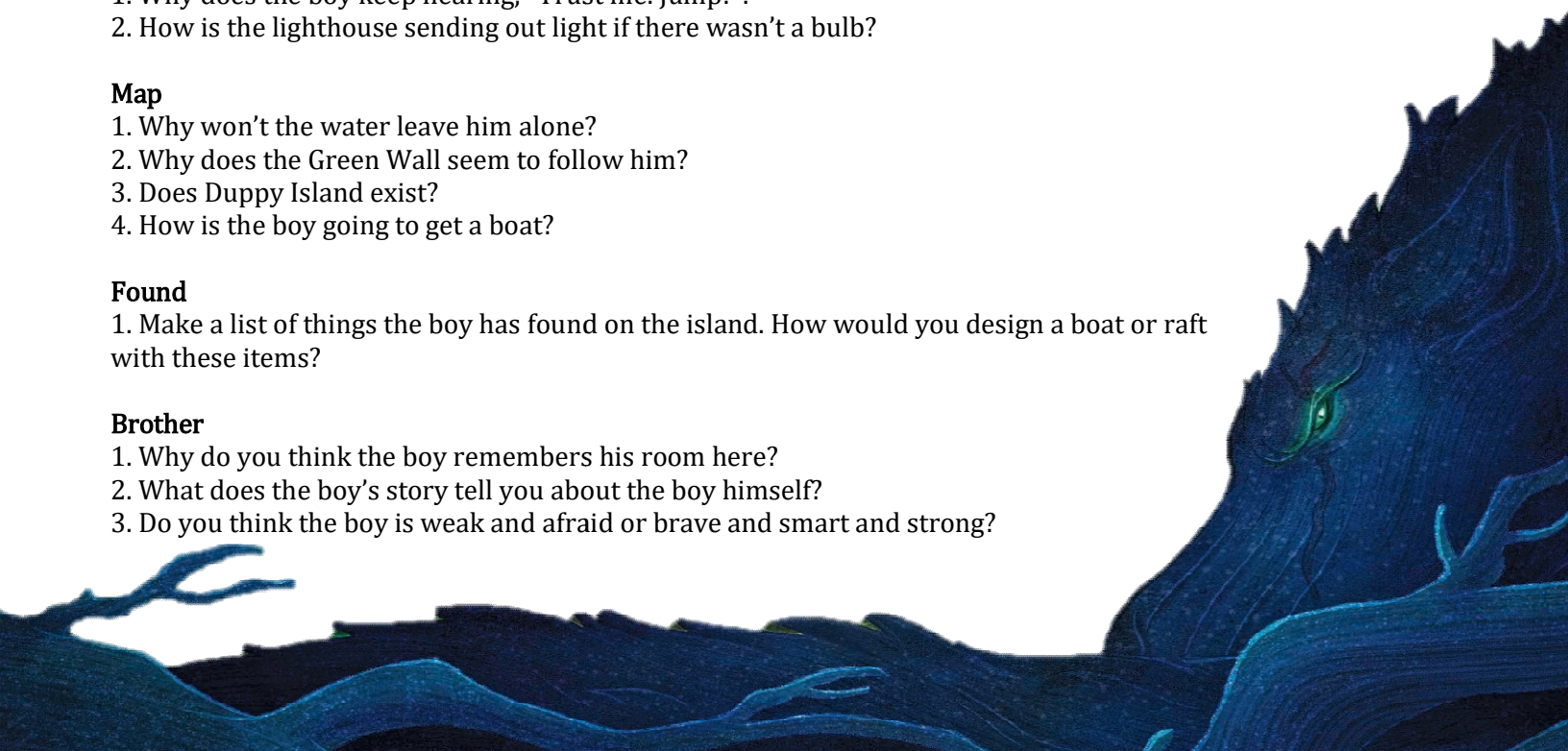
1. Why won't the water leave him alone?
2. Why does the Green Wall seem to follow him?
3. Does Duppy Island exist?
4. How is the boy going to get a boat?

Found

1. Make a list of things the boy has found on the island. How would you design a boat or raft with these items?

Brother

1. Why do you think the boy remembers his room here?
2. What does the boy's story tell you about the boy himself?
3. Do you think the boy is weak and afraid or brave and smart and strong?



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Escape

1. Why would the boy miss the room? Do you think he'd miss the island?

End

1. What was going through the boy's mind as his escape floated away?

Big Bad Wolf

1. Why did the bully become silent?

Stranger

1. Why do you think the owl returned?
2. Why was it better to scare the wolf than kill it?
3. Where did the boys come from? How did they get there?

Revelation

1. Why were the boys there?
2. Why did the handle go through the boy's hand?

Nothing

1. Why are the boys not answering the boy?
2. What is the ROAR?

Memory

1. Is the boy a ghost?

Father

1. Whose voice was telling the boy to "Jump!"?
2. What happened to the boy that sent him to the beach from "Born"?

Choice

1. Who is the "I" that has been waiting for him?
2. Why do you think "I" didn't tell him what happened from the beginning?
3. What was the choice the boy had to make?

Bully

1. What must the boy do to go back?

Monster

1. Who is the Wolf?

Jump

1. Do you agree that the Bully is scared?

Home

1. Knowing what you know now, if you read the book again, would it be different? How?
2. Have you ever had an inner voice telling you things or helping you? Did it sound like someone you know?

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