

Chapters 37, 38 and 39

Vocabulary	What is altitude? What are increments? What is despair? What is a gully? What is a precipice?
Infer	Why does Zero throw up? What does Stanley mean when he says he's ordered Zero's hot fudge sundae? How do you think Stanley felt when he found water? Why does Stanley tell Zero that the onion is a hot fudge sundae?
Predict	Read to the end of Chapter 37 and predict what will happen to Zero. Predict how Stanley will react now he can prove his innocence, because he knows that Zero took the shoes.
Explain	How does Sachar make it seem like there's no hope in Chapter 38? How did you feel when you found out Zero took the shoes?
Retrieve	Why doesn't Stanley want to rest? Why does Stanley find it hard to see where he's going? Why does Stanley carry Zero? What food does Stanley find by the water? What does Zero admit to Stanley?
Summarise	What three words sum up your feelings when you found out Zero took the shoes?
Writing Opportunity	Write the story of Zero stealing the shoes.

Chapters 40, 41 and 42

Vocabulary	What does being a 'proper' woman mean? What are 'snickers'? What does the verb 'feebly' tell you about Zero's health?
Infer	Why do you think Stanley started to think about the onion? Why does Stanley need the shovel? Why did Zero not know the shoes were important? Why do you think Stanley felt glad that Zero stole the shoes?
Predict	Predict what the final hole Stanley wants to dig is.
Explain	What is the effect of Sachar's flashback in Chapter 40? Why does Sachar end Chapter 42 with a question? What effect does this have on the reader?
Retrieve	What does the doctor say that the leeches will do? Why does Hattie blush? How does Stanley like to eat his onions? Why doesn't Stanley let Zero dig?
Summarise	Summarise these three chapters in twenty words or less.