Guided Reading Holes Ch 19-24 (PDF page 37-47)

	Chapters 19, 20 and 21
Vocabulary	How do you know that Squid is embarrassed? What does condemned mean? What does recede mean?
Infer	Why did Squid want Stanley to keep his mouth shut? Where does Magnet's nickname come from? Why do you think Stanley took the rap for stealing the sunflower seeds? Why do you think the warden slaps Mr Sir? Why do you think Zero dug Stanley's hole?
Predict	Predict why Squid was crying. Predict what the warden will do when she finds out Stanley stole the seeds
Explain	How does Louis Sachar create tension in Chapter 20? How do you know that Zero dug Stanley's hole? Do you like Zero? Explain your answer.
Retrieve	What woke Stanley up? What does Magnet take from the truck? Why did Stanley quite like being in the truck? What is in the warden's nail varnish? What does the warden do to Mr Sir?
Summarise	Summarise the events of Chapter 20 in ten words or less.
Writing Opportunity	Create an advert for the red venom nail varnish.

	Chapters 22, 23 and 24
Vocabulary	What phrase on F p43 implies that Zero might not actually want to learn? What phrase on F p44 I shows that Stanley is shocked? What is a bushel? What is a cantaloupe?
Infer	What is strange about what Zero says to Stanley? Why does Stanley offer to teach Zero to read? Why does Stanley think he might need to get Zero to dig a bit of X-Ray's hole? Why were Katherine's classes always full of men? Why doesn't Mr Sir fill Stanley's canteen?
Predict	Predict whether Stanley will tell the warden about Mr Sir. Predict how Katherine's story will finish.
Explain	Why does Sachar use Chapter 23 to tell us some of the history of Camp Green Lake? Why do you think he chooses not to finish Katherine Barlow's story?
Retrieve	Why does Zero smile? What deal does Zero offer to Stanley? What was the gold tube? What does Stanley think KB might stand for? Where does the nickname Trout come from?
Summarise	Summarise the character of Mr Sir in three words, and explain why you chose each of these three words.
Writing Opportunity	Write the next part of the Katherine Barlow story.

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Answers:

Squid is embarrassed to be caught crying. He doesn't say what is wrong and speaks defensively. He then blames allergies.

Condemned means not fit for purpose or someone sentenced to a particular punishment (especially death)

Recede means to draw back from/ to withdraw from / or to move away from

Squid doesn't want the others to know he was crying-may be perceived as weakness.

Magnets name comes from his fondness for stealing things.

Stanley takes the wrap because he doesn't want the others to get in to trouble. He is slightly afraid of them and of their reputations.

I think the Warden slaps him because he has answered her back and she wants to punish him. She may also want to keep him in his place and remind him who is in charge.

I think Zero dug the hole because he felt bad when Stanley took the wrap for stealing the sunflower seeds.

Predict- own ideas will be relevant, eg, Stanley will be punished later, Stanley won't get in trouble with the warden but might do with Mr Sir later (punishing him for warden hurting him)

Tension is created in lots of ways including references being made to good/bad. There are hints to terror eg, snake venom and execution. The chapter doesn't immediately tell us what will happen to Stanley - includes an intermission by giving detail on the nail polish. The events are unexpected and unique.

I think Zero dug Stanley's hole because he was still working on his own and it was much smaller- suggesting the time had being taken digging Stanley's.

Own ideas eg, I like Zero because he seems to have empathy for others. I know this because he digs Stanley's hole before his own. He doesn't join in with the celebration of the others as he is focussed on his own work. Maybe he doesn't like being singled out for praise.

Stanley is woken by crying

Magnet stole a sack of seeds from the truck

Stanley likes the truck as its comfortable.

The nail varnish has rattlesnake venom in it.

The warden hits him and leaves a mark on his face which the venom seems to get in causing pain.

Own summary

Own advert.

Answers Chapters 22-24

'A flash of defiance' suggests he might not want to learn

'Stanley stared at him amazed...' suggests Stanley is surprised

A bushel is: a measure of capacity equal to 64 US pints (equivalent to 35.2 litres), used for dry goods. eg, a bunch

A cantaloupe is a variety of melon

It is strange that Zero says he is not stupid he just doesn't like answering questions however here he is answering Stanley's.

Stanley offers to help Zero as Zero helped him and he wants to return the favour when a word of 'thanks' doesn't seem enough.

Thinks some of X-Rays hole might need to be dug as he doesn't think X-Ray will like it if Zero only helps Stanley.

The adult classes are always full of men as the teacher is pretty.

The canteen isn't filled in revenge for the events that took place at the warden's cabin.

Own predictions

A flashback here compares the two places now and then. It tells us more now we know more about the place where Stanley is. If this info had been given earlier it may have been boring/too much detail/too soon as we wouldn't really have developed an idea of Stanley's current surroundings. The flash back gives more information and clues to the story without revealing all. This means the reader is still intrigued and has more questions.

Zero smiles as he is pleased to have helped Stanley.

The deal is formed: learning in return for hole digging

The Gold tube belonged to a lipstick Stanley had seen at home and with the warden.

He thinks the initials might stand for the outlaw Kate Barlow.

Trout was nicknamed due to his feet smelling of dead fish.

Own summary

Own writing