

WhipEye Study Guide

- 1) In WhipEye, about 150 wild animals are mentioned.
 - A) Do you have a favorite wild animal? What makes it a favorite?
 - B) Are any of the animals mentioned in WhipEye endangered?
 - C) What human activities endanger animals or cause species extinction?

- 2) Animals in WhipEye have personalities and character
 - A) Do wild animals have personalities and character?
 - B) Do wild animals play or show emotions?

- 3) A kinkajou is found in Sam's house, and is an illegally traded animal.
 - A) What does illegally traded mean?
 - B) What other animals are often illegally traded?
 - C) What does the US Fish and Wildlife department do to stop illegally traded animals?
 - D) Why are some animals listed as illegal to trade?

- 4) Jake mentions that it's against the law to hurt parrots
 - A) What are the laws about hurting pets?
 - B) Are some pets more protected than others? Say a fish versus a dog?

- 5) Sam learns how to trust her intuition, as does Jake
 - A) What is intuition?
 - B) How do you know when you feel something intuitive?
 - C) Is following intuition the only way that people make decisions?

- 6) Sam is missing her mother, and Jake is missing his father
 - A) Have you ever missed something or someone/a pet that causes you sadness?
 - B) What are things you can do to make yourself feel better about loss/losing someone or something?
 - C) What are things you can do to help others suffering from a loss?

- 7) Jake and Sam have fears of certain animals (snakes and spiders) and situations (water and heights).
 - A) Do you have fears of any animals or situations?
 - B) What can you do to lessen or end these fears?
 - C) How did the characters handle their fears in the story?

- 8) Jake and Sam both gained strength of character throughout the story.
- A) What helped them both become stronger and braver?
 - B) Who or what in your life helps you become stronger and braver?
 - C) How can you help others become stronger and braver?
- 9) When Samantha and Jake meet the Great One crocodile, he complains that humans always want to change things with their desires.
- A) Can you think of ways that this is true in today's world?
 - B) What changes are harmful to nature? List some...
 - C) Are there ways to live in harmony with nature, without changing it? List some...
- 10) In the beginning, Jake grates on Samantha's nerves.
- A) What changes Samantha's viewpoint of Jake?
 - B) What events and actions change their relationship?
 - C) What elements are necessary for two people to trust each other as friends?
- 11) Charlie asks for Samantha's help to save the world.
- A) Was that fair of Charlie, to ask for help, without explaining the risks to Samantha and Jake?
 - B) Did Charlie have a better choice?
 - C) Why did Charlie do this? What was at stake in the story, that Charlie decided he had to ask Samantha and Jake to take such huge risks?
- 12) Magnar had noble intentions: he wanted to protect nature on the planet.
- A) What was wrong with how he planned to do this?
 - B) Is it okay to sacrifice individuals for the greater good?