

*The Sign of the Beaver*  
Comprehension  
Chapters 1-2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Answer each question with a complete sentence. Use your book to help you answer the questions.**

**Chapter 1**

1. Why does Matt's father leave him alone in the wilderness?

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2. What two gifts does Matt's father give him before Matt's father leaves?

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3. Why are these gifts so important?

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4. Why does Matt's father tell him to cut notches on sticks?

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## Chapter 2

5. Why was it so important for Matt to keep the fire from burning out?

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6. How does Matt start fires?

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7. What advice does Matt's father give him about relating with Indians?

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8. What did Matt miss that he didn't think he would miss?

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Chapters 3-4

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**Answer each question with a complete sentence. Use your book to help you answer the questions.**

**Chapter 3**

1. Why does Matt find it hard to trust Ben?

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2. Describe Ben.

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3. Why do you think Ben could not go back to town?

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4. What did Ben take? Why was what Ben took so important to Matt?

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5. Predict what Matt will have to do now that Ben has taken the important item.

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#### Chapter 4

6. What or who broke into Matt's house?

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7. What was damaged?

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8. How would you react if you were Matt in this situation?

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**Chapters 5-7**

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Answer the following questions with complete sentences. Use your book to help you.

**Chapter 5**

1. What advise does Matt's father give Matt about bees?

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2. What food item does Matt's mother persuade Matt and his father to take with them on their trip to the Maine Territory?

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3. What happens to Matt when he tries to get honey from the beehive?

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4. What quick actions by the Indian play an instrumental part in Matt's recovery?

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## Chapter 6

5. Why do you think Matt did not like to Saknis as he did to Ben?

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6. What does the Indian word *nkweniss* mean?

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7. Why did Matt think Attean was laughing at him?

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8. What was Matt's gift? Do you think this was an appropriate gift?

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9. Why does Saknis want Attean to learn to read?

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## Chapter 7

10. How did Matt feel about teaching reading?

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11. How does Attean feel about his reading lessons with Matt?

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12. What was the problem that Matt discovered as he began teaching?

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Chapters 8-10

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Answer the following questions with complete sentences. Use your book to help you.

**Chapter 8**

1. Does Matt think Attean will return for the reading lessons?

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2. What book does Matt read to Attean? Why does he skip sections of the book?

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3. Why does Attean think the white man, in the story, is not as smart as an Indian?

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## Chapter 9

4. What does Attean show Matt how to do?

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5. Why did Attean become upset about the story?

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## Chapter 10

6. Why did Matt change the story?

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7. What word did Matt skip?

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8. How did Attean catch fish?

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9. What did Attean show Matt to make? Why did he show Matt this?

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10. How did Attean cook the fish?

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Chapters 11-12

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**Answer the following questions with complete sentences. Use your book to help.**

**Chapter 11**

1. How many weeks had Matt's father been gone?

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2. What did Attean think of Matt's work?

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3. What causes Attean's dog to have such a strange nose?

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4. Why does Matt not trust Attean's dog?

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5. What is the sign of the beaver?

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6. Why is the sign of the beaver so important to Attean and his tribe?

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7. Why does Matt need to learn to find his way around in the forest?

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8. How does Attean find his way around in the forest?

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9. How did Attean cheer up Matt at the end of chapter 11?

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## Chapter 12

10. What did Matt decide he needed?

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11. What was wrong with the bow that Matt made?

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12. How did Attean help Matt?

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13. Describe how Attean made the bow and arrow?

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Chapters 13-15

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer with complete sentences. Use your book to help you.**

**Chapter 13**

1. What did Matt watch for in the forest?

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2. What was trapped?

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3. Why wouldn't Attean free the trapped animal?

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4. Why was Matt upset with Attean?

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5. Describe Matt's daydream.

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6. Name 4 different things that Attean taught Matt how to do.

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### Chapter 14

7. To whom did Attean tell the story of Robinson Crusoe?

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8. What story from the Bible was similar to the Indian legend?

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9. Who was Gluskabe?

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### Chapter 15

10. Retell the day of the greatest adventure in your own words.

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11. Why did Attean ask for the bear's forgiveness?

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12. What did Attean say was squaw work?

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13. Why did Matt feel resentful?

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Comprehension Questions  
Chapters 16-17

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**Answer each question with a complete sentence. Use your book to help you answer the questions.**

**Chapter 16**

1. List two things that could have happened to Matt's father to delay his journey.

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2. Why would Matt not complain about the walk to Attean's home?

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3. What made Matt think of Saknis as a king?

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4. Why do you think Attean would not eat any of the bear?

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## Chapter 17

5. Describe what the wigwam looked like.

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6. Explain the differences in attitudes of Attean's grandfather and grandmother toward white men.

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7. Why would it take Attean so long to get a gun?

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8. What happened to Attean's father and mother?

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9. Why could Matt never go back to the Indian village without being asked first?

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Chapters 18-19

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**Answer each question with a complete sentence. Use your book to help you answer the questions.**

**Chapter 18**

1. Why was Matt worried about his family?

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2. What was trapped?

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3. What did Matt decide to do about the trapped animal?

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4. Describe Attean's grandmother.

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5. Was Attean really mad at his dog? How do you know?

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**Chapter 19**

6. Why did Attean's grandmother change her mind about Matt?

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7. Why did Matt pay close attention to what the squaws were doing?

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8. What did Matt lose in the game? Did he ever get it back?

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9. What was Matt able to do with Attean's dog that he couldn't do before?

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10. Explain why Matt no longer feels alone in the forest.

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Chapters 20-25

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Use your book to answer the following questions. Answer with complete sentences.**

**Chapter 20-21**

1. Why would Attean not be coming to Matt's cabin for lessons for a period of time?

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2. Describe what Attean must do in order to become a man.

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3. Describe Attean's appearance after he became a man.

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4. What does Saknis want Matt to do?

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**Chapters 22-24**

5. Why would Matt not go live with the Indians?

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6. What gift did Attean give to Matt? Why do you think he gave this gift to Matt?

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7. What gift did Matt give to Attean? Why do you think he gave this gift to Attean?

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8. Describe what Matt did with one of the blankets.

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9. Why was Matt's family delayed in getting to the cabin?

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10. Do you think Matt's family could come to understand Matt's relationship with Attean and the Indians? Why or why not?

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