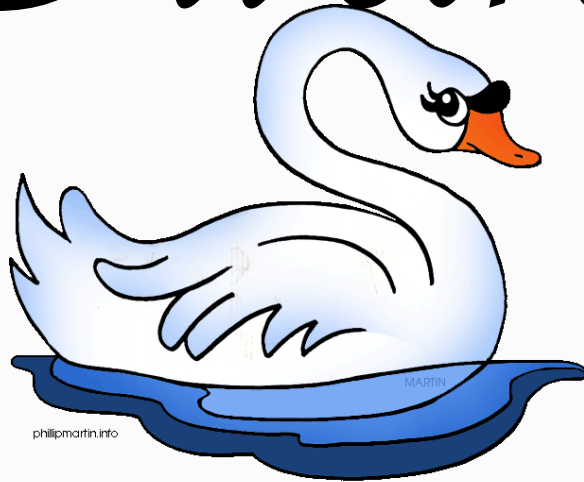


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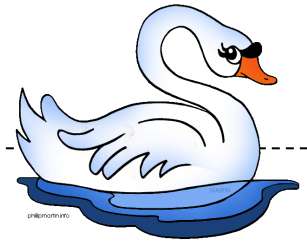


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Chapter  
Questions,  
Vocab &  
Activities

# Trumpet of the Swan

## Vocab & Chapter Questions



Vocab ch 1-4

1. **boggy**: soft, wet earth; marshy
2. **cygnets**: a young swan
3. **sly**: devious; not to be trusted
4. **vixen**: a female fox
5. **majestically**: grandly, splendidly, kingly
6. **remote**: far from towns or human settlement
7. **irksome**: causing annoyance; bothersome or tiresome
8. **vain**: having too much pride in one's appearance
9. **cautiously**: taking care to avoid danger or trouble; careful

Chapter one...

1. Sam Beaver sees something special on a lonely pond in Canada. What is it? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Does Sam tell his father about the nest? If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Sam feels that he has two problems. What are they? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Ready!



Chapter two...

1. Why does the male swan concur that the island is a perfect nesting place? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Describe how the female swan makes her nest? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

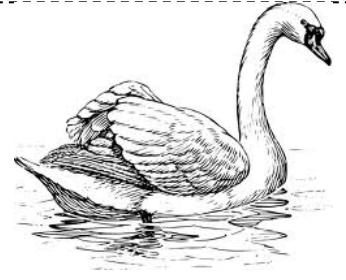
Chapter three...

1. Who is the visitor? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many eggs, total does the female swan lay? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How does Sam win over the swans? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter four...

1. What did the fifth cygnet do to greet Sam? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What two things is the swan equipped with to enable it to get out of the egg? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1. **defective:** having a flaw or defect; not perfect
2. **compel:** to force or drive to do something
3. **endearments:** a loving or affectionate act, word or gesture
4. **frolic:** to act in a playful way by romping about
5. **sustained:** to provide with the basic necessities of life
6. **captivity:** bondage; imprisonment
7. **solitary:** being, traveling, or living alone
8. **desperation:** the condition or feeling of being without hope
9. **pursuits:** hobbies or activities to which one gives time and energy



Chapter five...

1. In what ways is Louis different from his brothers and sisters? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How did Louis' father initially react to the news that Louis does not have a voice? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter six...

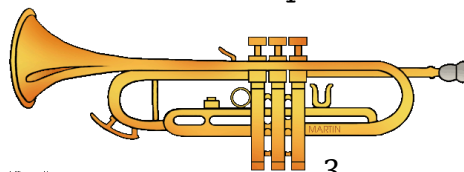
1. What are the three parts of flying that the cob explains to the cygnets? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. According to the cob, what does exalted mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter seven...

1. Louis is greatly admired by other cygnets at the reserve. What is he able to do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. After Louis arrived in Montana, he makes a decision that will change his life. What was it? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter eight...

1. What happens that makes Louis feel very disappointed after he returns home? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. With whom does Louis finally communicate? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why is it necessary for Louis to communicate with other swans? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What does the cob decide to do to help his son Louis? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



1. **quest:** a search or pursuit
2. **procure:** to get by a special effort; obtain
3. **peculiar:** odd, strange, or unusual
4. **serene:** free from trouble; calm
5. **sprinted:** to run or go at top speed
6. **reputation:** the level of respect with which a person is thought of by others
7. **emit:** to send out or give off
8. **haunts:** a place frequently visited
9. **ovation:** prolonged or enthusiastic applause for someone

Chapter nine...

1. What do you think a “noble quest” means? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you think it is right to steal for the love of someone? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter ten...

1. What are the three problems Louis finds himself with? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What does Louis decide to do about his problem? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What does Sam suggest Louis do to earn some money? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Chapter eleven...

1. What is your opinion of Mr. Brickle’s answer about not liking birds? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Kookooshkoos was the peculiar name of the camp. What are some other peculiar names that could be given to a camp? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter twelve...

1. What is the skunk’s problem? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Should Applegate Skinner have taken out the canoe alone? \_\_\_\_\_



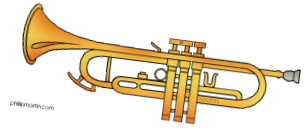
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2. **hoisted:** lifted or hauled up using a mechanical device
3. **plumage:** the feathers of a bird
4. **impression:** a strong feeling, idea, or opinion coming from experience with something
5. **appropriate:** right for the purpose; proper
6. **commotion:** a noisy confusion; disorder
7. **preening:** to trim and clean feathers as a bird does
8. **shrewd:** clever and careful
9. **candor:** quality of openness, honesty, and straightforwardness in expression

Chapter thirteen...

1. What job suggestion does Sam give Louis? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why does Louis want Sam to slit the web on his right foot? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter fourteen...

1. What powers the Swan Boat? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the first song that Louis plays for the Swan Boat? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Draw a picture of your own Swan Boat on p. 7.

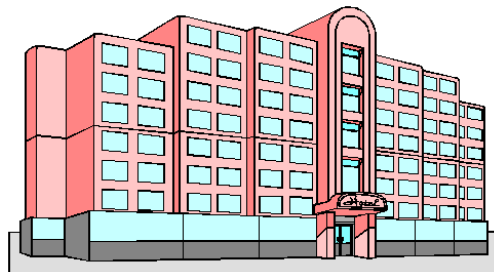


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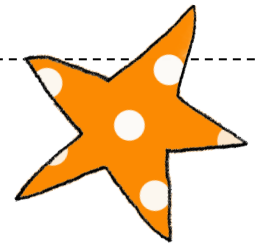
1. What reason did the boatman give the hotel clerk that Louis should be allowed to stay at the hotel? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How many sandwiches did Louis order from room service? \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter sixteen...

1. Why must Louis get a different job? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What must Louis do every week in payment for not being pinioned {having the tip of one wing removed}? \_\_\_\_\_



1. **gale:** a strong wind of about 30-60 miles per hour
2. **subsided:** to become less; to decrease
3. **roused:** to waken from sleep
4. **lance:** a weapon with a long pole and pointed metal head
5. **astounded:** to cause surprise or wonder; amaze
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7. **superficial:** located on the surface
8. **reviving:** to give new health, strength, or life to
9. **sullies:** to make dirty or tarnished



Chapter seventeen...

1. The author tells us that Serena has been blown all the way across America in the storm. Do you think that is believable, or is it part of the fantasy of the book? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What song does Louis decide to play for Serena first? \_\_\_\_\_



Chapter eighteen...

1. How does Louis save Serena from being pinioned? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What does Louis offer to do to get Sam Beaver to come help him? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter nineteen...

1. In what way does the visit to the zoo change Sam's life? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What does Sam tell the head man that convinces him to allow Serena and Louis to leave the zoo? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter twenty...

1. Who makes the decision concerning the money? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who did he decide should get to keep the money? \_\_\_\_\_



# Swan Boat

Use your imagination and draw your very own Swan Boat.



A large, empty rounded rectangular box intended for drawing a swan boat.



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Quiz 1 {ch 1-4}

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocab

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. irksome

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. cygnets

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. cautiously

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. boggy

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. vixen

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. vain

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. remote

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. majestically

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. sly

**a.** a female fox

**b.** grandly, splendidly, kingly

**c.** far from towns or human settlement

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**f.** taking care to avoid danger or trouble; careful

**g.** soft, wet earth; marshy

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## Comprehension Questions



10. What did Sam Beaver see on the lonely, Canadian pond? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Did Sam tell his father about the nest? \_\_\_\_\_

12. What were Sam's two problems? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. How many total eggs did the female swan lay? \_\_\_\_\_

14. How did Sam manage to win over the swans? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. What did the fifth cygnet do to greet Sam? \_\_\_\_\_

## Bonus

\* Name one of the things the swan is equipped with to get out of the shell. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# Trumpet of the Swan

Quiz 2 {ch 5-8}

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocab

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. captivity
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. compel
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. desperation
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. pursuits
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. defective
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. solitary
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. sustained
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. frolic
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. endearments

- a.** being, traveling, or living alone
- b.** the condition or feeling of being without hope
- c.** hobbies or activities to which one gives time and energy
- d.** having a flaw or defect; not perfect
- e.** to force or drive to do something
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- g.** to act in a playful way by romping about
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## Comprehension

### Questions

10. How is Louis different from his brothers and sisters? \_\_\_\_\_
11. How did Louis' father react to Louis not having a voice? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What were two of the three parts of flying that the cob explained to the cygnets?  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. What happened that disappointed Louis? \_\_\_\_\_
14. With whom did Louis finally communicate? \_\_\_\_\_
15. What does the cob decide to do to help his son Louis? \_\_\_\_\_

## Bonus

- \* Why was it so important for Louis to be able to communicate with the other swans? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# Trumpet of the Swan

Quiz 3 {ch 9-12}

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocab

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. emit
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. ovation
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. serene
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. sprinted
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. procure
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. reputation
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. haunts
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. peculiar
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. quest

- a.** to run or go at top speed
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## Comprehension Questions

10-12. What are the three problems Louis finds himself with? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. What did Louis decide to do about his problem? \_\_\_\_\_

14. What does Sam suggest Louis do to earn some money? \_\_\_\_\_

15. What is the skunk's problem? \_\_\_\_\_

## Bonus

\* Should Applegate Skinner have gone out in the canoe alone? \_\_\_\_\_



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Quiz 4 {ch 13-16}

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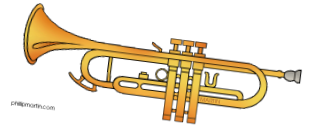
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocab

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. appropriate
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. hoisted
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. preening
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. candor
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. plumage
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. commotion
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. impression
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. shrewd
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. tendency

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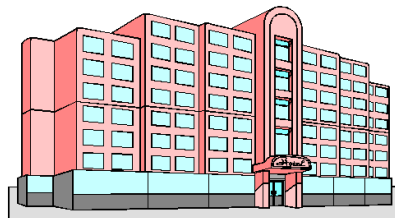
## Comprehension Questions



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- 13. What reason did the boatman give the hotel clerk that Louis should be allowed to stay at the hotel? \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. How many sandwiches did Louis order from room service? \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Why must Louis get a different job? \_\_\_\_\_

## Bonus

\* What must Louis do every week in payment for not being pinioned? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# Trumpet of the Swan

Quiz 5 {ch 17-20}

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocab

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. reviving
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. roused
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. gale
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. lance
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. sullies
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. superficial
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. subsided
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. astounded
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. fascinated

- a.** to attract and hold the attention and interest of others
- b.** located on the surface
- c.** to give new health, strength, or life to
- d.** to make dirty or tarnished
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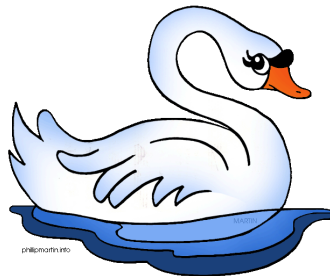
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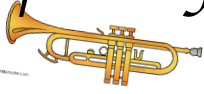
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12. In what way does the visit to the zoo change Sam's life? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What does Sam tell the head man that convinces him to allow Serena and Louis to leave the zoo? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Who makes the decision concerning the money? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Who did he decide should get to keep the money? \_\_\_\_\_

## Bonus

\* Name one thing Louis did to save Serena from being pinioned? \_\_\_\_\_



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## Test

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Vocab

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. captivity

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. cygnets

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. vain

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. serene

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. defective

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. preening

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. hoisted

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. peculiar

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. gale

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. superficial

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**j.** bondage; imprisonment



### Short Answer

11. Sam Beaver saw a \_\_\_\_\_ on the lonely Canadian pond.

12. How did Sam manage to win over the swans? \_\_\_\_\_

13. How is Louis different from his brothers and sisters? \_\_\_\_\_

14. What does the cob decide to do to help his son Louis? \_\_\_\_\_

15-16. What were two of the three parts of flying that the cob explained to the cygnets?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. What reason did the boatman give the hotel clerk that Louis should be allowed to stay at the hotel? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Why did Louis have to leave the Swan Boat job? \_\_\_\_\_

19. What song did Louis decide to play for Serena first? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Who does Louis go to for advice through the book? \_\_\_\_\_

21. In what way did the visit to the zoo change Sam's life? \_\_\_\_\_

## Match the location with the event.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. Camp Kookooskoos

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. Bird Lake

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. Canada

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. Boston

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. Philadelphia

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Billings, Montana

a. father swan gets trumpet

b. Sam Beaver discovers the swans

c. Sam Beaver gets a job

d. Serena drops from the sky

e. Louis plays the trumpet before a Swan Boat

f. Louis saves Applegate Skinner

## Give answers in complete sentences.

28. How does Louis show that he is honest? \_\_\_\_\_

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29. Describe Louis and Sam Beaver's friendship. \_\_\_\_\_

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30. What were the five things hanging around Louis' neck? (Use a complete sentence.). \_\_\_\_\_

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## Bonus

\* Using at least two complete sentences, tell me about YOUR favorite part of this book! \_\_\_\_\_

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