

Study Guide: "Land of Dinosaurs"

Quiz

1. What is the magical object that transports Biff, Chip, and Kipper to the dinosaur world?
2. Name two specific types of dinosaurs the children encounter in the story.
3. Describe one exciting adventure the children experience in the dinosaur world.
4. What do the children use to get back to their own time?
5. What is the main conflict or challenge the children face in the dinosaur world?
6. What type of role does Kipper play in this story?
7. How does Biff attempt to preserve memories of this adventure?
8. Why might a story about time travel be exciting for children?
9. What is the overall tone or mood of this story? Is it scary, adventurous, or something else?
10. How might this story encourage children's interest in dinosaurs?

Answer Key

1. The magic key is the object that transports Biff, Chip, and Kipper to the dinosaur world. It acts as a portal between the present day and the prehistoric past.
2. The children encounter an Apatosaurus and a Tyrannosaurus Rex. These are two very different types of dinosaurs, one a large herbivore and the other a fearsome carnivore.
3. The children have an exciting adventure escaping from a hungry Tyrannosaurus Rex. This creates a suspenseful and dangerous situation for them.
4. The children use the magic key to return to their own time. The magic key is essential for both traveling to and returning from the dinosaur world.
5. The main conflict or challenge is the presence of dangerous dinosaurs, particularly the Tyrannosaurus Rex, requiring them to use cleverness to survive.
6. Kipper is a part of the adventure, often with a childlike wonder and awe, but is not the main decision maker. He primarily follows his older siblings.
7. Biff attempts to preserve memories of the adventure by taking photographs. However, they have an unexpected end.
8. A story about time travel is exciting for children because it allows them to explore new places and times and imagine incredible possibilities outside of their normal lives.
9. The story has a tone that is both adventurous and exciting with suspense and thrills; though there is danger, there isn't a scary tone.
10. The story might encourage children's interest in dinosaurs by presenting them in a fascinating and accessible way. The story introduces dinosaur types while emphasizing the sense of adventure.

Glossary of Key Terms

Apatosaurus: A large, plant-eating dinosaur with a long neck and tail; formerly known as a Brontosaurus.

Tyrannosaurus Rex: A large, carnivorous dinosaur known for its powerful jaws and small arms; often considered the quintessential predator dinosaur.

Magic Key: A magical object in the story that has the power to transport characters through time.

Prehistoric: Relating to the time period before written history, often associated with dinosaurs and other ancient creatures.

Time Travel: The concept of moving backward or forward in time, often using a machine or magical object.