

# CUZ THE GREEN DRAGON

## CHAPTER QUESTIONS

All questions will seldom be appropriate for all young readers. Please choose the ones that will most likely help them stay interested and will dovetail best with your teaching goals.

### Chapter 1 The Mailman - Questions

1. What happened in Chapter 1 The Mailman?
2. Did you notice any failures of clear thinking in this chapter?
3. How wise is it to accept an offer of transportation from a complete stranger, like Lucas Light?
4. How would your life be different if you could only communicate once a month with anyone you don't see in person?
5. What did you think of Trudy finding lies whose color matched the dragon's color?
6. The next chapter is entitled "On the Road to Prop Tour Hock. What do you think will happen?"

### Chapter 2 On the Road to Prop Tour Hock -Questions

1. What happens in Chapter 2 On the Road to Prop Tour Hock?
2. Did you notice any failures of clear thinking in this chapter?
3. Did you notice anything interesting about the place names in this chapter?
4. How old are the tallest California Redwoods, and how do we know? How tall are they?
5. How does the logging industry work in reality?
6. Compare today's logging business with 1 Kings 5:6-10 and 2 Chronicles 2:8-10, or just look up the passages and summarize what is found there.
7. How realistic is the mail vehicle? Have there ever been any steam-powered cars that shared the street with other automobiles?
8. Why do you think Lucas found Trudy's question, "What kind of lies does she (the Green Dragon) tell?" an interesting question?
9. Why would Lucas be willing to go to the trouble of writing about the other dragons for the dragon hunters?
10. Hai complains that the questions Trudy and Jay ask reveal too much. Is he right? Why?
11. What do you think the black wolf, that ran into the forest, is up to?
12. The title of the next chapter is "Into the Forest." What do you think will happen?

### Chapter 3 Into the Forest- Questions

1. What happens in Chapter 3 Into the Forest?
2. Did you notice any failures of clear thinking in this chapter?
3. Does Jay let his ordinary hunger push him into making unwise decisions? Is approaching the dragon soldiers about a restaurant necessary when he has a backpack full of food?
4. Again, Hai is unsuccessful in controlling what the others say. Is he right or wrong to try?
5. Botany question A: What do Bells of Ireland, Lady's Mantle, and Jack-in-the-Pulpit have in common?
5. Botany question B: What do gooseberries, Cucumbers, breadfruit, and jackfruit have in common?
6. Where do the names of the "outlaws" come from?
7. When Hai tries to stay behind, Passie makes an argument appealing to the authority of the Magician Key. Is this a valid argument or a Fallacy of False Authority (Blue Dragon)? Why?

8. In the same discussion mentioned in Question 7, Lug is glad he was not transformed into a Zonkey. What is a Zonkey?
9. Reg and his friends claim not to be under the dragon's curse, but they are wearing green. Are they, or aren't they under the curse?
10. If you were to break into parts like the Magician Key, who became a donkey, monkey, and dovekie, what would your parts be, and how would they act?
11. It was cheating for Drool to win by painting new targets. Have you ever tried to play a game with someone who cheated? What happened? How did that make you feel?
12. What do you think Cuz has planned for when the dragon hunters arrive?
13. Can you find some Figures of Speech?

## Chapter 4 Some Very Tall Trees - Questions

1. What happened in Chapter 4 Some Very Tall Trees?
2. Did you notice any failures of clear thinking in this chapter?
3. What did we learn about the power of the Magic Key?
4. It is true that being near outlaws does not make you an outlaw, but is it wise to associate with outlaws?
5. What do the birds, budgerigars, Carolina parakeets, Anna's hummingbirds, Eclectus parrots, Quaker parrots, and a double-eyed fig parrot have in common?
6. During the confrontation with Cuz, Hai is upset by the others' earlier accusations of uselessness in a dragon fight and is trying to redeem himself. Do you feel sorry for him? Why or why not?
7. What do you think is going to happen next?

## Chapter 5 An Almost Quiet Ride - Questions

1. What happens in Chapter 5 An Almost Quiet Ride?
2. Did you notice any failures of clear thinking in this chapter?
3. Why do you suppose Trudy and Jay did not want a celebration? What do you like to celebrate? Are there any holidays you think are not of value in some way? Which ones and why?
4. If you were one of the dragon slayers, what kind of music would you prefer the forest people played? What song do you think would have been most appropriate for this occasion?
5. Reg and his men did not know they were under the spell of Cuz, but the magical change in the color of their clothing shows that they were. Have you ever believed something was true, only to find out later it wasn't true? What happened?
6. What was your favorite part of this book? Why? Are there any sections you believe the author could have left out? Why? If you had written this story, what would you have added?
7. Do you think you would be able to defeat the Green Dragon's lies? How?
8. What do you think is going to happen in the next book? The name of the first chapter is "Single Side."
9. Can you find or create some examples of the Green Dragon's lies or logical fallacies?
10. The clothing of the victims of the dragons becomes more colorful when they realize the truth. It is not gone into in much depth in the story, but the people of this part of Low Check dress in medieval-style dress. It might be an interesting study to learn more about clothing in different times and places.