

COMPO, THE WHITE 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 Letter from Lucas Light Ends - Questions

1. What happened in Chapter 1, The Letter from Lucas Light Ends?
2. Without looking elsewhere, can you describe the fallacies of the previous six dragons?
3. Without looking elsewhere, can you name and describe the three fallacies of the White Dragon used by the dragon hunters?
4. There was a discussion between the dragon hunters about whether the White Dragon uses two, three, or four kinds of fallacies. Which one is right?
5. What do you think the name Compo means?
6. Do you find it odd that this dragon has a white polar bear for a helper when all the other dragons have had black helpers/assistants/spies?
7. Is it significant that the names of the bears are the opposite of their color?
8. If you have read the earlier books, you know there is some mystery about the motives Lucas Light has for writing the letter. Was anything said in this chapter to throw light on this mystery? Why do you think Lucas Light wrote the letter?
9. What do you think is going to happen in the next chapter called "Journey to East End"?

Chapter 2 – Journey to East End - Questions

1. What happened in Chapter 2, Journey to East End?
2. What kind of dragon lies did you notice in this chapter not committed by the dragon or the bears?
3. What happened in the argument between the dragon hunters, Compo, Ebony, and Ivory? What logical fallacies can you identify?
4. "Trudy thought to herself, this little desert man was certainly more courageous now that he was no longer yellow. The thought made her smile." Why did it make her smile?
5. Clyde and Lug are concerned that Clyde's revealing secrets to Slippery, who then told Slope, the Yellow Dragon, may have done some harm. Should they be concerned? Why or why not?
6. When they stopped to discuss the White Dragon sighting, "No one noticed the *Hylocereus undatus* in full bloom next to the road." What are these? Would you find them in the desert? (Also known as *Selenicereus undatus*.)
7. In East End, they see some plants growing. "Several magnolia trees were in the square, and more than one house had blooming moonflowers and silver sage in their yards." What do these plants have in common? Would they all grow in the same place?
8. The dragon hunters believe they have an obligation not to let invisible dragons loose in our world. Is that true if there are already billions here?
8. The title of the next chapter is "Cold Logic." What do you think will happen the next morning?

Chapter 3 – Cold Logic - Questions

1. What happened in Chapter 3, Cold Logic?
2. Other than those committed by Compo or the bears, what kind of poor thinking did you notice in this chapter?
3. What happened in the final confrontation with Compo, Ebony, and Ivory?

4. Did you notice the instance of a rare mixed figures of speech, semantic syllepsis, overlapping with zeugma?
5. Jay and Trudy noticed how the key does not keep them completely safe. Do you think they are correct? Why or why not?
6. The title of the next chapter is "A Strange Alliance." What do you think is going to happen next?

Chapter 4 – A Strange Alliance - Questions

1. What happened in Chapter 4, A Strange Alliance?
2. What examples of poor thinking did you notice in this chapter?
3. Is Ebony to be trusted? Why or why not?
4. Have you ever had an encounter with a dangerous wild animal? If so, what happened? If not, what do you imagine it would be like?
5. The title of the next chapter is "Ice Castle". What do you think is going to happen next?
6. How many Figures of Speech can you find in this chapter?

Chapter 5 – Ice Castle – Questions

1. What happened in Chapter 5, Ice Castle?
2. What examples of poor thinking did you notice in this chapter?
3. Are cold, snowy mountains a reasonable ecosystem for a great egret and rock ptarmigan?
4. Are Dall sheep found in an ecosystem of the kind in this chapter? Are the rams really as big as a donkey?
5. Ebony says it is not the right time of year for hibernation, but the bear does it anyway. Is it the time of year that triggers hibernation, or is it something else? Is Ebony to be trusted? Why or why not?
6. The dragon slayers analyze their two confrontations with Compo and the bears from chapters two and three. What would you have done and said differently if you were Jay or Trudy?
7. Three dog sleds are approaching. Who do you suppose they are, and what do they want?
8. How many Figures of Speech can you find in this chapter?

Chapter 6 – Fort Glacier - Questions

1. What happened in Chapter 6, Fort Glacier?
2. What examples of poor thinking or logical fallacies did you notice in this chapter?
3. Hai is seldom listened to, and yet he is sometimes right. Has this ever happened to you? Did you ever have a time when you tried to warn someone, and they did not listen? What happened?
4. Where do you think the three mountain men on sleds get their names?
5. Have you ever been around someone who always believed they remembered everything perfectly? Did they? Were they an actual Trudy?
6. What do you think it would feel like to have people celebrate your victory the way the people of Fort Glacier celebrated the dragon slayers?
7. Trudy is nervous in the cable car, but when challenged, cannot explain it fully. Are you afraid of anything without knowing why?
8. Can you find examples of White Dragon Lies (logical fallacies) in books and websites you normally read?
9. What was your favorite part of this book? Why? Are there any sections you believe the author could have left out? Why?
10. Were any of the characters in this book like you? In what way?
11. What do you think is going to happen in the next book, Perf, the Black Dragon?
12. How many colors are there in a rainbow?