

Eighth Grade

Worksheet for Jacob Have I Loved

Name _____

To increase understanding, it is recommended that the student define the vocabulary words BEFORE he/she begins reading the novel.

VOCABULARY

Introduction and Chapter 1: Define the following:

1. terrapin – _____
2. aloof – _____
3. spindly – _____
4. semblance – _____
5. winch – _____
6. stern – _____
7. brackish – _____
8. skiff – _____
9. propping – _____
10. delusions – _____
11. starboard – _____
12. quaint – _____

Chapters 2-8: Match the word on the left with the definition on the right.

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| 1. _____ lugubrious | a. not active |
| 2. _____ polonaise | b. mournful, sad |
| 3. _____ rankle | c. horribly disfigured |
| 4. _____ grotesque | d. an imitation |
| 5. _____ snicker | e. a musical composition |
| 6. _____ parody | f. an organism that feeds on refuse or carrion |
| 7. _____ passive | g. to anger |
| 8. _____ rivulet | h. enthusiasm |
| 9. _____ zeal | i. to laugh lightly |
| 10. _____ scavenger | j. a small stream |

Chapter 9-14: Define the following:

1. endeavor – _____
2. intrigue – _____
3. wily – _____
4. writhe – _____
5. paregoric – _____
6. ominous – _____
7. leeward – _____
8. sodden – _____
9. debris – _____
10. reverie – _____
11. raucous – _____
12. capricious – _____
13. shanty – _____
14. relegate – _____
15. exotic – _____

Chapter 15-20: Match the word on the left with the meaning on the right

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| 1. _____ elusive | a. foolishness |
| 2. _____ tendril | b. denial |
| 3. _____ discomposure | c. hard to find |
| 4. _____ inanity | d. a tiny amount |
| 5. _____ extricate | e. religious |
| 6. _____ gaudy | f. a curl |
| 7. _____ antics | g. to free |
| 8. _____ taught | h. a sample |
| 9. _____ pious | i. to tease |
| 10. _____ contentious | j. uneasiness |

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| 11. _____ rancor | k. pouting |
| 12. _____ renunciation | l. ready to fight |
| 13. _____ petulantly | m. overly decorated |
| 14. _____ iota | n. silly actions; clowning |
| 15. _____ specimen | o. anger; bitterness |

COMPREHENSION

Introduction and Chapters 1 & 2: Select the answer that best completes each of the following statements and write the number on the line.

1. _____ *Jacob Have I Loved* is set on the 1) Chesapeake Bay; 2) Atlantic Bay; 3) Hudson Bay
2. _____ The novel takes place about 1) 1940; 2) 1960; 3) 1980
3. _____ Call Purnell is 1) Caroline’s boyfriend; 2) Louise’s boyfriend; 3) Mrs. Bradshaw’s neighbor
4. _____ The youngsters look for crabs to 1) tease; 2) sell; 3) breed
5. _____ The Bradshaw’s 1) are extremely poor; 2) are wealthy; 3) struggle financially
6. _____ Louise had kind feelings for 1) her mother; 2) Caroline; 3) her grandmother
7. _____ Louise resents Caroline because 1) Caroline is unkind; 2) Caroline is the center of attention; 3) Caroline is attractive to Call
8. _____ Mr. Bradshaw treats Louise 1) somewhat as a son; 2) unkindly; 3) as though she doesn’t exist
9. _____ Caroline’s gift for 1) language; 2) fishing; 3) music –results in special treatment
10. _____ At this point in the novel, the twins are 1) nine years old; 2) teenagers; 3) adults

Chapters 3 & 4: Short Answer.

1. What world event begins in during this part of the book and how does it influence the story? _____

2. Where does Louise go to release her tears of humiliation after the scene with her classmates? _____

3. Caroline’s _____ destroys the magic created by her song and Louise feels _____ at this moment.
4. After Caroline mimics _____, Louise longs for her parents to _____

5. Read the last three paragraphs of Chapters 4. How does Louise compare herself with her sister? ____

6. Is this an accurate comparison? Why or why not? _____

7. Louise longs for her parents to _____ about her. How old is Louise here? _____
8. Louise hides her book from her grandmother because it is about _____
How do the women on the island feel about the water? _____
9. Why does Louise believe she will eventually leave the island? _____
10. Louise is embarrassed by Caroline's public _____

Chapters 5 & 6: *Short Answer.*

1. The islanders suspect that the stranger is _____
2. Louise spies on the _____ and is caught by _____
3. A dream about _____ concerns Louise.
4. Louise believes that _____ has been unjust to her and she looks for answers in her _____.
5. Her goal is to earn money to attend _____
6. Louise attempts to earn some easy money by _____

Chapters 7-9: *Underline the answer that best completes each statement.*

1. Call likes to visit the Captain without others because a) he enjoys the Captain's complete attention; b) he dislikes the other kids; c) he is embarrassed by the Captain's house.
2. Not being paid by the Captain for all the work they do seems to annoy a) Call; b) Louise; c) grandma.
3. Although Louise regards February as a dreadful month, she dislikes August due to it's a) constant rain; b) violent winds; c) thick heat.
4. Louise's letter from Lyrics Unlimited reveals that a) she is the grand prize winner; b) it is a ploy to take her money; c) she has lost the contest.
5. The fact that Louise enjoys knowing that the Bible does not explain how to speak to cats suggests that a) she loves animals; b) she is feeling a bit constrained by rules; c) she is disrespectful towards her religion.

6. When the Captain refers to Auntie Braxton as Trudy, he reveals a) that he and she were friends years ago; b) a lack of respect for the woman; c) that he is new to the island.
7. Captain Wallace knows Auntie Braxton is wealthy because a) of the conditions of the cats; b) of a confidence he shared with his mother; c) she told him recently.
8. Louise jumps off the boat because of a) seasickness; b) anger; c) compassion.
9. Caroline's behavior towards the wet, crying Louise reveals a) cruelty; b) kindness; c) underhandedness
10. Caroline's success in dealing with the cat issue results in Louise feeling a) grateful to her; b) jealous; c) proud of her.

Chapters 10-12:

Short Answer.

1. Give three examples of preparations the islanders take to prevent total disaster by the storm. Give the purpose of each preparation.

Preparation	Purpose
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_____	_____
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2. The Captain uncharacteristically reads a _____
3. Louise becomes furious with her _____ because _____

4. In the middle of the night Louise seeks the _____
5. _____ is the only family member who is able to sleep through the storm.
6. The _____ of the storm is the calm period in the middle of the hurricane.
7. What transportation do Louise and the Captain use to visit his house? _____
8. How does Louise's grandmother feel about the Captain moving in with the family? _____

9. What kind of feelings is Louise becoming aware of? _____
10. Does Louise continue to believe the Captain is aware of her feelings? _____ Is he? _____
11. We find that Louise tries to change the appearance of her _____

Chapters 13-14:

Underline the answer that best completes each statement.

1. Louise considers her recent behavior a sign of a) poor health; b) craziness; c) lovesickness.
2. Louise's feelings for the Captain have been noticed by one other person, her a) sister; b) mother; c) grandmother.
3. The results of the storm make it necessary for the Captain to think about a) moving; b) marrying; c) murdering.
4. From her behavior towards the Captain, Trudy leads the reader to believe her decision to marry Hiram is because of a) convenience; b) fondness; c) need.
5. Louise is so miserable with recent events that she turns to a) books; b) alcohol; c) writing to escape.
6. Louise feels guilty because she has not shared her a) secrets; b) experiences; c) savings with her family.
7. Caroline accepts the news that her music lessons cannot continue with a) fury; b) gratitude; c) grace.
8. The relationship between Hiram and Trudy turns out to be a) a happy one; b) a stormy one.
9. Grandma accuses the Captain and Louise of a) theft; b) murder; c) jealousy.
10. Trudy's legacy is used to help a) the Captain; b) Louise; c) Caroline.

Chapters 15-16:

Select the answer that best completes each of the following statements.

1. Louise believes she has been rejected in favor of Caroline by a) her father; b) the Captain; c) Call.
2. When she checks her Bible for the verse that begins, "Jacob have I loved...", she learns that the speaker of these words is a) God; b) Isaac; c) Rebecca.
3. Mother's suggestion about Crisfield coincides with a) Captain Wallace's idea for Louise; b) Caroline's original idea; c) the purpose for which Louise had been saving money.
4. Louise runs away from the world by retreating to a) her room; b) the water; c) her schoolwork.
5. The most important result of the hard work Louise engages in is a) the money; b) the many crabs; c) the contentment.
6. Louise's new tutors include her mother and a) her father; b) Miss Hazel; c) the Captain.
7. Call's return home coincides with a) the end of the war; b) grandmother's death; c) the arrival of new families on Rass Island.
8. Caroline's musical progress includes a) an opera engagement on the mainland; b) a scholarship to Julliard; c) an appearance on a radio show.
9. As Louise talks with Call and the Captain about Caroline, she begins to realize that a) Call is the same awkward boy he always was; b) she's looking forward to visiting Caroline in New York; c) there is something between Caroline and Call.
10. By the Chapters end, Louise feels further rejection by a) Call; b) Caroline; c) Captain Wallace.

Chapters 17-18: Write True or False on the line.

1. _____ The Bradshaws dread asking a neighbor to care for Grandma.
2. _____ Grandma had loved the Captain when both were much younger.
3. _____ During the Christmas meal, the Captain is as impatient with Grandma as she is with him.
4. _____ The Captain claims that the “mast chopping” story about him is untrue.
5. _____ The Captain has seen Louise’s special qualities from the time he first met her.
6. _____ The Captain discourages her plans to be a doctor.
7. _____ Grandma resents the love her son feels for his wife.
8. _____ Louise reads aloud the verse from Proverbs 25:24 in order to tell Grandma that she is “contentious.”
9. _____ Louise longs for her persecuted mother to react to Grandma’s verbal abuse with anger.
10. _____ Louise learns her mother despises the life she leads on Rass Island.

Chapters 19-20: Short Answer.

1. Louise obtains a scholarship to _____.
2. She decides to live in the village of _____.
3. What is the most serious health problem in Truitt? _____ What causes it? _____

4. Louise says, “These men struggle against their _____. On Rass men followed the _____.”
5. Of whom does Joseph remind Louise? _____
6. Louise places the weaker baby in the _____. Why? _____

7. What does Louise tell her grandmother to do with the healthier twin? _____

8. Louise now understands _____
