

Core A - Week 10

The Endless Steppe- Chapters 12-18 Support your answers with material from the text, and do not consult the internet in order to answer any of the questions.

Look up the following vocabulary words and record the definitions on a separate sheet before you begin your reading. Attach that sheet to this assignment.

Sciatica-145

Indefinitely-178

Immaculately-179

Respite-181

Semite-185

Histrionics-186

Exorbitant-197

Gyrating-204

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own choice)

Chapter 12- What does Esther mean by the metaphor, “I had warmed myself at this bright light time and again” (145).

Chapter 13- Why is Mother so reckless with the potatoes to make a pot of goulash? (See her quote at the end of the chapter for help.)

Chapter 14- Explain in a couple of sentences why mother would accept nothing from Uncle Yazia and Zaya.

Chapter 15- What feature of Marya Nikolayevna reveals her cruelty?

Chapter 16- What were some of the small delights that brought joy to them that winter?

Chapter 17- Explain what Esther means by the quote, “But in a way, a way I had not anticipated, Talyana and I had become one; we were together in a nightmare” (196).

Chapter 18- Why did Esther once again feel like she did not belong at the new school?