

Core A – Quarter 2 Week 1

The Endless Steppe- Chapters 6-11 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 the definitions to this sheet.

Surreptitiously-79

Pariah-107

Sardonically-13

Dexterously-138

Selenites-80

Prototype-108

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Superfluous-138

Incongruously-107

Maelstrom-113

Illiterate-136

Chapter 6- What people are grateful is often a matter of their perspective on life. What commonplace things do the Siberian exiles give thanks for, and what ordinarily unpleasant things do they wish that they have?

Chapter 7- What two things happen in this chapter that make Esther begin to enjoy, even love Siberia, even just a little bit.

Chapter 8- Although the person stealing the food is never named, who do readers infer (guess) the thief is? Why do you think the other members of the house let the thieving continue without saying anything?

Chapter 9- What had Esther's father done to make her very proud of him?

Chapter 10- Esther's father said, "Man does not live by bread alone." What other things were important for making life livable in Siberia, especially for Esther?

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Chapter 11-What began to transform “Vanya the Bum” into Ivan Petrovich? What began to produce a change in Ivan Petrovich?

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