

The Sandman and the Turtles  
Michael Morpurgo

*Chapter One*

1. Page 1. Which part of the year does Michael look forward to the most?  
1 mark
2. Copy the phrase that tells you this is his favourite time. 1 mark
3. Write down three things Michael does when he goes to Treginnis Isaf.  
2 marks
4. What do you think it means: 'a city boy like me'? 2 marks
5. Page 2. Which transport did Michael use to get there? 1 mark
6. What had happened to Barry? What injuries did he have? 2 marks
7. Page 3: what does the phrase 'different as chalk and cheese' mean? 2 marks
8. Page 5: why was the cream pushed closer to Michael? 1 mark
9. Page 6: why did the children never get tired of the same stories? Copy the phrase that tells you this. 1 mark
10. Page 9. Why did the children want more stories? Copy the part that tells you so. 1 mark  
  
What does this make you think of the children? (just discuss)
11. Page 12. Find the word 'frizzle'. What do you think this means? 1 mark
12. Page 13. Barry 'perked up'. What made him cheer up? 2 marks
13. What made the Sandman wake up? 2 marks
14. Page 22: Michael expected things to fall off the Sandman. Why? 2 marks
15. Page 23: Why did looking at the Sandman hurt the childrens' necks? 1 mark

## *Chapter Two*

1. Page 24. Why does Michael believe the Sandman liked the salt and vinegar crisps better? 1 mark
2. Page 24/25. Why did the Sandman feel better? 2 marks
3. Page 26: why did the Sandman whistle? 1 mark
4. Page 26. Find the word 'gaped'. What do you think it means? 1 mark
5. Page 26/27: what does the Sandman need to get himself back home? 1 mark
6. What was built on it? 1 mark
7. Page 27' gurgled like an orchestra'. What does this make you think of how his tummy is rumbling? 2 marks
8. Page 29. Why did Michael tell Polly not to tell anyone about the Sandman? Find the part and copy. 1 mark
9. Page 30. Polly 'protested indignantly'. What do you think this phrase means? Read the part it is in to work it out. 2 marks
10. Page 31. Why was Polly hungry ? 1 mark
11. Why does Barry think his sister is a nutter? Discuss
12. Page 34. Why were the bread crusts soaked in milk? 1 mark
13. Page 35. Why does Polly ask Michael to fill the churn? 1 mark
14. Page 38. The turtles ' lapped and chomped and licked'. What does this phrase tell you about how the turtles were eating? Discuss
15. Page 41. How did the children get to Coracle Island? 1 mark
16. Page 44. Why was Polly whispering? 2 marks
17. Page 46. Why do you think Polly's hand was cold? 1 mark

### *Chapter Three*

1. Page 48. Why were Polly's eyes bright with excitement? 2 marks
2. Page 48. Why did Polly need Michael's help to light the lamp? Find and copy the part that tells you. 1 mark
3. Page 49. Why did the first few matches not light? 1 mark
4. Page 51. What would make the Sandman love the children forever? 1 mark
5. Page 53. What did Barry say was making the lighthouse look as if it was lit up? 1 mark
6. Why do you think Barry does not believe Michael and Polly? 2 marks
7. Page 55. Why does Aunty Eleri think that Polly can write books? 2 marks
8. Page 56. Uncle Rob had been out checking the cows. What do you think this means? 2 marks
9. What did the children have to make them sleep? Why do you think it did not work? 2 marks
10. Page 58. "I did not like myself at all". Why does Michael say this? 2 marks
11. What does Polly offer Sergei to eat and drink?
12. Page 64 Michael 'could not understand a word they were saying'. Why could Michael not understand the sailors?
13. Page 66 'Aunt Eleri turned as white as her flour'. What does this tell us? 2 marks
14. Page 67. Why does aunty Eleri speak 'apologetically'? 1 mark
15. Page 70. What does Sergei hear to decide his ship must be better? 1 mark

#### *Chapter Four*

1. Page 73. What is the Sandman's belt made of? 1 mark
  
2. Page 73. What does the Sandman call the submarine? Why do you think he does this? 2 marks
  
3. Why do you think the Sandman just cannot believe the submarine is a type of ship? 2 marks
  
4. Page 77. Who did the Sandman call? Why? 2 marks
  
5. Page 80. At first, Sergei thinks he cannot take the Sandman back to Ireland – why? 1 mark
  
6. What does the Sandman suggest instead? 1 mark
  
7. Page 81: 'churn of milk'. Find this phrase. What do you think 'churn' means? 1 mark
  
8. Why did Polly give the Sandman her tooth? 1 mark
  
9. Page 88. Why did Uncle Rob get very angry? 2 marks
  
10. What was chasing Polly and Aunty Eleri at the end of the book?

What do you think is going to happen next?

#### *Whole Book*

Think of three words to describe Polly. Make sure each word is different and not similar.

Write down evidence from the text to prove each of your words.

Do the same for Michael and Barry too.

Who is your favourite character? Why?

Find five words you have learnt from reading this book.

Find ten words that are linked to the sea...