

KID COMBAT

Parent's Guide – Worksheet

Chapter 1: The Escape

Vocabulary Words: (page #)

remote (1) ominous (5)

1. What characters were introduced and what have you learned about them?
2. What was Sam's mission? Was she successful?

Chapter 2: The New Kid

Vocabulary Words: (page #)

singed (15) quorum (17) curio (21)

1. Who is Mr. Jones?
2. Who is the new kid? What does he notice at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 3: The Quorum

Vocabulary Words: (page #)

prophecy (25)

1. What information did Sam learn about the book?
2. Explain the connection between the book and Kyle's house.

Chapter 4: A Day at School

Vocabulary Words: (page #)

ruckus (32) commotion (32)

1. At his former schools, why did Kyle fight?
2. How did Kyle help Gears?

Chapter 5: Introduction of Evil

Vocabulary Words: (page #)

innovator (37) demeanor (38) geologist (42)

1. What problems are Elmcrest facing?

2. What is Peter hired to do?

Chapter 6: The Curio Shop

Vocabulary Words: (page #)

blanches (47) dissension (53)

1. Who is Mr. Thompson? What is his nickname?
2. Who are the defenders? What is their mission?

Chapter 7: The Book of Darkness

Vocabulary Words: (page #)

abduct (56) infamous (57)

1. What is Red Beryl?
2. What is the Professor's summary of the ancient book? How is the summary related to Jones? To the small band of crusaders?
3. Why is it important for Dr. Christensen to find the Red Beryl?

Chapter 8: The Pawn

Vocabulary Words: (page #)

pawn (66) pilfering (73)

1. Who is the pawn? Why?
2. Why is Kyle's mother suspicious of Peter's trip to Colorado?
3. Explain the importance of Peter's late night discovery in the cavern.

Chapter 9: The Necklace

Vocabulary Words: (page #)

fixated (74) periphery(75)

1. Describe the plan to get Samantha's necklace back?
2. What do Sam and Gears discover on Jones' property?

Chapter 10: The Intruder

Vocabulary Words: (page #)

misappropriation (83) intertwined (84)

1. Why is Mr. Thompson watching Jones?
2. What did Kyle learn about his dad?
3. Why does the professor believe Kyle can help the Defenders?

Chapter 11: The Throat

Vocabulary Words: (page #)

volcanic throat (87) seismic (95)

1. What does Jones' drilling uncover? What does he hope to gain?
2. How are Thompson and Jones connected?
3. Peter shows Jones a scroll of hieroglyphics. How does Jones react to the warning?

Chapter 12: The Fifth Defender

Vocabulary Words: (page #)

anomalies (97)

1. Who is the fifth defender? Why?
2. In your opinion, should the Defenders follow the Professor's advice or continue with the plan? Why?

Chapter 13: Invasion

Vocabulary Words: (page #)

improvisation (106) deceit(112)

1. Describe the invasion.
2. Why is Kyle plagued with guilt?

Chapter 14: Unexpected Visitor

Vocabulary Words: (page #)

collateral (117) tectonic (125)

1. Why is Sam's necklace important to Thompson?

2. Who is *Pugna Hedum*? Why is Jones rattled by this phrase?
3. What is the real power of Red Beryl that Jones wants? What is the risk of getting it?

Chapter 15: Eruption

Vocabulary Words: (page #)

ensues (127) phased (133)

1. What happens when Jones tries to take the Red Beryl out?
2. How was the flow of magma stopped?
3. How do the legend and the Red Beryl save the town of Elmcrest?

Epilogue

1. What danger is mentioned in the epilogue?

Additional Activities:

1. Predict what will happen in the next book?
2. Create and draw new gadgets for the Defenders to use on future missions. (see Parent – Gadget Worksheet)
3. Write a shorty story (1-2 pages) using your two favorite characters from the book