

CHAPTER 2 – PART 1

1. Write down a word from page 9 or 10 that you didn't know the meaning of. What **could** this word mean? Find a word that could replace the unfamiliar one.
2. What do you think 'alchemicals' might be? (p.11) Were you correct? What **context** clues did we use to help us?
3. What word can you see inside 'alchemicals'?
4. Use the context to have a guess at what whitefurze and greenlace are. (p.12)
5. Can you see any parts of words you know inside the word 'skeletal'? (p.12) What does 'skeletal' tell you about the trees by the lake?
6. Read the paragraph on page 9 beginning 'In the morning...'. Use word families and context clues to explain what the word 'accompany' means.
7. Read the paragraph on page 10 beginning 'Sabryna and Pa followed...'. What do you think a 'talisman' is? If you can't find any context clues, you could use a dictionary or ask an adult.
8. At the bottom of page 11, Sabryna says 'If the river dries up, no one will have the means to live.' Why do you think the author has put the words 'no one' in italics?
9. Look at page 12 again. What kind of person do you think Pa is? Look carefully at the things he says to Sabryna on this page and explain your answer.
10. What do you predict Sabryna will do next? Explain your ideas using evidence you have read in the story so far.

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1. How do you think Sabryna is feeling? (p.15) What evidence can you find to show you that she is feeling this way?
2. How do you think Sabryna is feeling? (p.16) What evidence can you find to show you that she is feeling this way?
3. What does 'marched' tell you about how Pa is feeling? (p.16)
4. Write down as many clues as you can find which tell you how Dia is feeling. (p.19)
5. List three things that Sabryna saw in the city.
6. On page 18, the text says that 'Sabryna's work dried up like the vanishing river'. What do you think 'dried up' means? What is the name for this type of imagery?
7. On page 18, there is a very short paragraph: 'There was no water all.' Why do you think this paragraph is so short?
8. What do you think of Dia's character now? Why do you think this?
9. Read the paragraph on page 19 beginning 'Clouds bloomed above her...'. What is your favourite word or phrase in this paragraph? Explain why it captures your interest or imagination.
10. What do you think Sabryna will do next? Use some evidence to support your answer.

