

The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp

Class questions for each chapter to promote comprehension and discussion.

Chapter 1

Alfred mentions on page one he died saving the world. What do you think he means?

Why did Uncle Farrell take in Alfred?

Why did Uncle Farrell send Alfred to Dr. Peddicott?

What did the kids at school call Alfred?

How did Uncle Farrell get Alfred to play football?

Chapter 2

What did Coach Harvey like to do?

How did the Coach treat Alfred?

What did Alfred say that was repeated around the school?

Why did Uncle Farrell want Alfred to play football?

Uncle Farrell said Alfred had no "Fortitude". What is Fortitude?

Chapter 3

How many times did Alfred fail his drivers test?

Why did Barry want to "get Kropp"?

Uncle Ferrell mentions that company was coming. Who is coming?

What kind of car did Alfred want?

Describe Mr. Myers.

What do you think about Mr. Myers story about the reason he wants the sword?

Alfred has some reservation about helping Uncle Ferrell steal something from where he works.

What does his uncle threaten him with if he does not help?

What makes Alfred uncomfortable about what Mr. Myers is asking him to do?

Chapter 4

What is Amy Pouchard helping Alfred with at school?

How many times did Alfred take the drivers test before he passed?

Uncle Farrell has said he made a promise and that he is going to do a good deed. Do you think he is an honorable man?

What is Uncle Farrell's motive for "recovering the sword?"

What do you think is going to happen to Uncle Farrell?

Chapter 5

What does Alfred mean by a "terminal window"?

What show did Uncle Ferrell see that told him about bookcases opening to a secret chamber?

Who wore the gloves?

What did Mr. Samson's chair feel like it was doing to Alfred?

What did Uncle Ferrell say matters more than smarts?

Chapter 6

Why do you think that Alfred was able to figure out the secret code?

Why was Alfred able to fight off the 2 monks when he had never used a sword before?

Why do you think that Alfred could wield the sword so efficiently?

Chapter 7

Did you believe the Monk when he said he did not want to hurt Alfred?

Why did the Monk's sword shatter?

Why did the one Monk let Alfred go?

Chapter 8

Where did the Monks come from?

Why did Uncle Ferrell think about Alfred after the battle?

Who is Arthur Miller?

Chapter 9

Who are the good guys, the Monks or Arthur Miller?

What does Jehoshaphat mean?

What does Arthur Miller mean when he says, "the will of most men is weak"?

Chapter 10

Why do you think Arthur Miller spared Alfred?

Why do you think no one believed Alfred's story?

Vocabulary: Provocateur, Mercenary, embodiment, Despot.

What do you know about King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table?

Chapter 11

Prior Knowledge

WW2

Nazi Germany

Russia

Stalinists

What part did each play in the horrors of WW2?

Why is Mr. Samson taking so much time to tell Alfred all about the sword and the need to get it back?

Does Jativa, Spain really exist? Look on map.

What do you think "Honor among thieves" means?

Chapter 12

Vocabulary: conical shaped head.

Why did Amy Pouchard say that Alfred must be the unluckiest person on earth?

Where do you think the \$500,000 deposit went?

Why couldn't Alfred get through the book called "The Once and Future King?"

Chapter 13

Why do the Tuttles pick on Alfred so much?

What is a big headed palooka? A palooka is an unsuccessful boxer, especially one who is both large and stupid, the other to any large and stupid or clumsy person, an oaf or lout.

Why did Alfred start skipping school?

What kind of person is Amy Pouchard?

Who is Bennacio?

Why was it Bernard Samson's dying wish to let Alfred know he had died?

Why did Bennacio not want to go to the hospital?

Chapter 14

What does "the Sword had the power to heal as well as to rend," mean?

Should Alfred blame himself for everything that is happening since he took the sword?

How did Alfred, who is only 16, carry a grown man from the cab to his hotel room?

Chapter 15

Vocabulary: Acquiesce

Is Alfred starting to show bravery? How?

What do you think the OIPEP is?

Why did Mogart ambush the knights in the castle?

Chapter 16

What kind of car did Alfred drive?

Why did Alfred take the sword?

Who do you think is the master of the sword?

Where are Alfred and Bennacio heading?

Who is Nick?

Chapter 17

What happened at McDonalds?

How did Bennacio react to the 2 men in the car?

What was carved into the hilt of the dagger that the bad man had?

Why did Alfred throw up?

Chapter 18

What kind of car did Alfred get to drive next?

What did Bennacio do with the cell phone?

What did Bennacio offer Alfred?

Chapter 19

What made Alfred decide to go into the house in the woods?

What power did Miriam have?

Why was Miriam angry at Alfred?

Chapter 20

What did Alfred find in the closet?

Who does Bennacio think is the master of the sword?

What happened to Windimar's eyes?

Chapter 21

What did Alfred have for breakfast?

How does Alfred feel about horses?

How did Alfred react to being on the horse?

Chapter 22

Where were Alfred and Bennacio heading?

Where did Alfred travel with his mom each summer?

What did Bennacio call a corn dog?

Could you envision the battle between the 6 dragons on the motorcycles and the Ferrari?

Chapter 23

Why did Bennacio prefer swords, bows and arrows to guns?

Why was Alfred shaken up?

Why did Bennacio take the police car?

Where are the Pocono Mountains? Pennsylvania

What did Bennacio give the man in the Jaguar?

Chapter 24

Does McDonald's sell Lobster sandwiches?

Why do you think the border to Canada is closed?

Who do you think the card was from?

Chapter 25

What happened to the Plane?

What happened to the guys who blew up the plane?

What was Derieux's job?

Chapter 26

Why might the house the Friends took Alfred to have no electricity?

Who might Natalia be?

Why was everyone ignoring Alfred?

Chapter 28

Who are the “outsiders”?

What was thrown into the house?

Who did Alfred fight?

Chapter 29

What is Pandora’s Box?

Vocabulary: Fortuitous: happening or produced by chance; accidental, lucky.

Where is “across the pond”?

How did Alfred get onto the plane?

Chapter 30

Vocabulary: Slag Heap: a pile built of accumulated tailings, which are by-products of mining. These waste materials are mostly composed of shale.

What might the lady by the lake be waiting for?

What was pinned to the trees?

What did Alfred smell when the lady kissed his head?

Chapter 31

Where is Alfred going?

What test does Alfred think he failed?

Why is the sword the “ultimate weapon”?

Vocabulary: Prophetic: A prediction of something to come

Chapter 32

Why did Mike put a hood over Alfred’s head?

Vocabulary: The Forbes List: A list of the world’s richest people.

After the hood was removed, what did Alfred want first?

Chapter 33

How long did Alfred seem to wash his hair?

What did Mike put in his pocket?

Why does Mike keep calling Bennacio Benny? What does that say about Mike?

What does Bennacio want to do to Mogart?

Chapter 34

How did Alfred feel about Mike and his gang of spies?

What kind of oath did Bennacio take?

Who does Alfred think will kill Bennacio?

Chapter 35

Who came in the helicopter?

How do you think Cabiri and Natalia found the secret location of the OEPEP?

Why did Alfred get up and go downstairs?

Chapter 36

Why was Alfred's talk with Natalia helpful to their understanding?

Why did Bennacio want Natalia to go home instead of look for the sword?

What was Bennacio doing in his room after his daughter left?

Chapter 37

Prior Knowledge: What was Bedivere supposed to do with Arthur's sword?

Why did Bedivere keep the sword instead of throwing it into the lake?

Why did Bennacio ask Alfred to swear an oath to the order?

Why does Alfred think he is a loser?

Chapter 38

Vocabulary: Guile: Treacherous cunning; skillful deceit.

Vocabulary: Pretense: The act of pretending; a false appearance or action intended to deceive.

Why did Samson name Mogart his heir?

What did Mogart want to become?

Why did Samson leave Alfred's mom?

Chapter 39

Why does Mike want Alfred to stay behind?

What is Mike talking about when he mentions the "Real McCoy"?

Where was the place that Mogart had chosen for the final battle ?

Chapter 40

Who wore a white robe?

What did Mogart thank Alfred for?

What happened when Bennacio inspected the sword?

Chapter 41

What did it feel like when Alfred held Excalibur?

Why did Bennacio fight Mogart even though he knew he could not win?

What was the horrible thing that Bennacio did?

Chapter 42

What did Alfred do when Bennacio died?

How did Alfred get the sword away from Mogart?

What did Mike want Alfred to do?

Chapter 43

Why did Alfred's scar hurt?

Why didn't Mike kill Mogart?

What did Alfred figure out about Mike?

Chapter 44

What city did Alfred drive to?

How did Mogart find Alfred?

Who did Mogart have as a hostage?

Chapter 45

Where are the caves of Merlin?

Why did Alfred not kill the massager?

What is gas called in England?

Chapter 46

How fast did Alfred drive?

What did Alfred think of Mike?

Where did Alfred leave the gun?

What did Alfred think was going to happen to him in the cave?

Chapter 47

What did Alfred do the first person he met in the cave?

What did Alfred make Mike get rid of?

What did Alfred do to Mike?

Chapter 48

Why does Mogart constantly criticize Alfred?

Why did Alfred think he was his own worst enemy?

Why did Mogart kill Natalia?

Chapter 49

Why did Mogart taunt Alfred while they fought?

How come Mogart did not know Alfred was Samson's son?

Why did Alfred ask Mogart, "Please"?

Chapter 50

Did Alfred die?

Who is the master of the sword?

What had been forgotten?

Chapter 51

What happened when Alfred claimed the sword?

What does it mean the sword has "the power to heal and the power to rend"?

Chapter 52

Why did Alfred have trouble forgiving himself?

What did Natalia say Alfred saved?

What was Merlin's prophecy?

Chapter 53

What kind of heels did Abigail wear?

How did Alfred have time to return the sword to the lady in the lake?

Why does OIPEP care about the sword?

What is the study of Eschatology?

Chapter 54

Who came to get Alfred?

Why did Alfred not want Mr. Tuttle to touch the sword?

What is customs?

Chapter 55

Vocabulary: Nuance: Subtle shift in color, or feeling, or meaning.

Where did Alfred end up?

What kind of person is Amy Pouchard?

What did Alfred do to Barry when Barry launched himself at Alfred?

What had Alfred claimed about himself?