

The Magician's Nephew

READING COMPREHENSION

Search the text for the answers to the following questions and underline them.

1. Why does Polly find the boy's arrival surprising?
2. Why has Digory been "blubbing" (p. 10)?
3. What does the room look like when Polly and Digory arrive? What catches Polly's eye?
4. What do they discover about the room in the abandoned house?
5. After spotting Polly and Digory, what is the initial step Uncle Andrew takes?
6. Why does Uncle Andrew say he needs Polly and Digory?
7. What does Uncle Andrew give Polly?
8. What happens to Polly?
9. Who was Mrs. Lefay?
10. What did Mrs. Lefay give to Uncle Andrews before she died? What request did she ask of him?
11. What revelations come to light regarding Mrs. Lefay?
12. Where did the magic box come from? What did it contain?
13. According to Uncle Andrew, what power do the yellow and green rings have?
14. What kind of "trap" has Digory fallen into now?
15. What truth about fairy tales does Digory remind Uncle Andrew of?
16. Why does Digory hesitate? How does his uncle persuade him to carry on with the mission?



Answer the following questions.

1. "The horrible meanness of getting at a chap in *that* way, almost made him sick" (p. 21): what is the author referring to?

2. Why do you think Uncle Andrew says that "profound students and great thinkers and sages" and men who "possess hidden wisdom" should not keep their word?

3. Why do you think Uncle Andrew is not willing to attempt the journey to the other world? What justifications does he give?

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

*Based on these two chapters, write a brief description
of the three primary characters in the boxes below*

Polly

Digory

Uncle Andrew