



Summer Reading 2023

Rising 7th Graders

It is said that reading is the key to learning, which is why most schools have summer reading programs. In fact, Reader's Digest states, "Studies have shown that a regular reading habit not only sharpens vocabulary and improves IQ but also reduces the brain's rate of decline in old age and expands 'EQ'—emotional intelligence and well-being."

Rising 7th graders will read *Adam on the Road* by Elizabeth Gray Vining, which is a story about eleven-year-old Adam, who travels throughout thirteenth-century England with his father, a wandering minstrel, and his dog, Nick. When he's suddenly separated from them both, Adam must undertake a series of adventures as he desperately searches to be reunited with his father. This book will appeal to both young men, as well as young ladies; and set the stage for history class the year.

As you read, complete the question worksheets. These will help you comprehend and better understand what is taking place in a chapter. I *will* be giving a grade on the packet at the beginning of school. In addition, during the first two weeks our class will discuss the book and our first assignments will be linked to what you've learn from the book.

Also, every student will take an Accelerated Reader (AR) on the story test to determine their comprehension level. This too will be a grade.

I am looking forward to the 2023-24 school year and helping your child learn to love reading and exploring new worlds.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Barrow

Pleasant words are a honeycomb, Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24

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Chapters 1 and 2

Character Study

Give a brief description of each of these characters:

Adam Quartermayne	
Roger Quartermayne the minstrel	
Perkin	
Nick	
Dame Malkin	

What is the year, month, and day that this story begins? _____

Where had Roger been and why was he there? _____

Chapters 3 and 4

Setting & Characters

Place	Primary place of these two chapters	
Social Standing	What does “The last of the de Lisle train” tell you about Sir Edmund?	Why was Adam proud of his new clothes?
Give a brief description of each of these characters:	Hugh	Margery

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What did Roger mean when he said Adam was “whey-faced”?

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What interesting thing does Roger do when greeting Adam?

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List two things Adam was learning at the school at St. Albans.

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Even though he was well treated, why was he not happy to stay at St. Albans?

What was the last thing Perkin says in Chapter 3?

From the text, what can we learn a comfit to be?

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Perkin told Adam that if he saw his parson or priest to let him know that Perkin was studying hard. Why was that important to Perkin?

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Chapters 5 and 6

Setting & Social Understanding

Setting	Primary place of Chap. 5	Primary place of Chap. 6	
Social Standing	How did Adam know the young man he met was a squire?	What social position does Sir Edmund hold?	
Who were these characters? Include what rank or job they would have as adults.	Godfrey and Ralph	Mathew	William and Martin

What is the name of the squire that Adam met on the road?

What does “Green apples ripen in time” mean?

Why did Sir Edmund have a cart of glass with him?

Who made sure Adam wasn't friends with the other boys?
What changed so Adam could be friends with the boys?

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Chapters 7 and 8

Characters & Time

Give a brief description of this character.	Jankin	What is the Month?	List a couple of reasons why Simon Talbot is someone Adam admires.
Social Standing	Explain what “showiest feats” means. What did Emilie give to Roger and why?	Why does Adam like Jankin?	
Who were these characters? Include what rank or job they would have as adults.	List three things that foreshadow Roger's losses in his gambling.		

What are a couple of things that help us understand Roger feels bad that he couldn't control his gambling?

Why does Adam say it will be hard on Hugh?

When Roger and Adam left St Albans, Adam thought riding was wonderful. What is his opinion about riding now?

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What place did Roger take Adam to that amazed him?

Why was it impolite to start eating before his meat was served?

What did Adam comment about that showed a lack of cleanliness where they ate?

What does the last sentence of the chapter foreshadow?

Chapters 9 and 10

Why was it important for Roger and Adam to select a proper tale at the inn?

Roger and Adam recite a proverb about Magpies.

What sentence comes at the end of the next paragraph that shows foreshadowing?

What two ways did Dame Clarice use her iron spoon?

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What was the job of a heyward?

What does the kind of food each person ordered tell us about them?

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Why did Roger stop in the middle of his tale to ask for money rather than wait until the end?

What group of men give Adam news of Jankin?

How did the minstrels describe Jankin that showed they didn't like him?

What word does the pilgrim's wife use to describe Nick that makes Adam proud of him?

Chapters 11 and 12

What does this phrase mean? "He wanted to tell his boy something about life and chance and the perils that beset beloved little dogs."

Why did Adam lag behind Roger?

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What fortunate event happened to Adam because of this?

What unfortunate thing happened to Roger because of this?

What two things made swimming difficult for Adam?

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What important question from the Ferryman's wife does Adam have to consider?

Give two words that describe John Ferryman and his wife Jill.

How does Adam repay them for the hospitality?

What becomes more important to Adam than finding Nick?

What reason does Adam give the Porter to let him into the castle?

How does Adam feel when he learns Roger was telling tales until midnight?

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What word does the squire use to describe the frantic way Roger was looking for Adam and Nick?

Why did Roger go after Jankin and not wait for Adam?

How would you describe Adam's emotions in these two chapters?

Chapters 13 and 14

Characters & Social Standing

Place	What character quality is used to describe Adam when he is trying to get to talk to the bailiff?	What was interesting about the shepherd Adam met that made things difficult for both?
Social Standing	Adam is frantic to find Roger. He remembers that Roger said that the road was home to the minstrel. What was Adam's thought about that?	What is one way Adam discovers that the road is home to the minstrel?

List a couple of things we learn about Adam's mother as he remembers himself as a little boy of six.

List two things that show how the knight tried to conceal his identity.

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Daun William's sword was described as badly rusted, but his scabbard was nice looking. What can we understand about Daun William and his reason for carrying a sword?

In the first couple paragraphs of ch.14, Adam meets a couple of chapmen. What Bible story is this like?

Why did the Shepherd think it was funny to say, "Look out for the Apple"?

Compare Rideware Hall with how we usually think of castles.

In this story, Adam seems to keep losing important items. What had he lost that he found again at Rideware Hall?

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What are some ways Adam has matured or grown since the beginning of the book or since he was separated from Roger?

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Chapters 15 and 16

What did Daun William have to say about Adam on the day after the robbery?

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What caused a change for Daun the next day?

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What did Adam realize about himself on the second day?

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How is Adam able to understand a little how the king feels about the loss of his queen?

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Why was the Stranger's Hall not a nice place to stay?

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Why did the Palmer say Adam was not likely to get a miracle at the shrine?

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Chapter 16 is entitled "The Fall of Adam." What two things does this refer to?

So far in this book, we have noticed a lot of things that are different from our culture. List two things from the book that you think are disgusting or gross about medieval English culture.

List two things from the book so far that would make you want to live in that time period and explain why.

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Chapters 17 and 18

Write the phrase that tells us Dame Prudence had been puzzled because he carried a harp.

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How long did Adam tell Master Walter that he had been looking for Roger?

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Dame Prudence had three words to describe Adam's old Minstrel coat. List them.

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How do we know Adam is willing to help with unimportant tasks, but he doesn't prefer to?

What did Master Walter say that showed he didn't approve of Minstrels?

Who gives Adam news that Roger is looking for him?

Why did the people at the court of dusty feet laugh when Roger thought he was cheated by getting a

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horse for a dog?

Where do they tell him he should go to find Roger?

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Why did Adam think Dame Prudence and Master Walter would be disappointed in him?

How were Jack's tales different from Roger's?

At the end of Chapter 17, Adam is very excited to be with minstrels again. What are a couple of things that show he is starting to be unsure about these people?

Master Walter didn't approve of Minstrels. What does Jack say that shows he doesn't think much of priests either?

What do you think was the biggest difference between Roger and the de Vessey family?

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Chapters 19 and 20

Setting & Time

What is the approximate date?	
How long has he been looking for Roger?	

What do you think Adam meant that the de Veseys were the wrong kind of minstrel?

Why did he avoid Gomshall?

How does the fourth stanza of Adam's song end on a different idea than the rest of them?

The story about the de Vesseys was only about half truth.
List three things that were not true about the peddlers story.

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Who finally gives Adam some good news about Roger?

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What disappointment does Adam get when he arrives at de Lisle house?

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What did Adam think about the meaning of Agnes's name?

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Adam wanted to think of accidents for Agnes, but instead, he did what?

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How did he justify this kind of action since he was a minstrel?

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Adam still has some growing up to do. What happens to him at St Paul's that shows this?

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Describe their ice skates.

Does your opinion of Janken change after he talks to Adam? Why or why not?

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Chapters 21 and 22

Why did Adam not think he should be idling about at de Lisle house?

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Who took Nick to Oxford?

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What two things do we learn about Adam's physical changes?

Who besides Dame Malkin were pleased to see Adam at St. Albans?

How are the muddy pools described?

Adam finds many different people who will give him food or a place to sleep on his travels in chapter 21. List three of them.

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Whom does Adam meet again in Ewelme?

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What good news does Perkin share with Adam?

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Why is a true joke not a joke?

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How is the parson of Ewelme different from the one in Winchester?

Adam disagreed with the miller about the noise of the bagpipe.
Would you agree with Adam or the miller? Explain.

Why were so many people in the village willing to help Adam get new clothes and instruments?

Chapter 23

“I bet he needs the shoes,” said Adam feelingly.

Why is the word feelingly used to describe how Adam said this?

What did Adam say was a sign of spring?

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What was special about how Roger shook his hand?

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How did Roger meet him when they met at the beginning of the book?

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What do you think made the difference between those two meetings?

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Where was Bayard?

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How had Simon's lot in life changed?

List a couple of things you think Roger meant when he said Adam had done well.

Did you think this was a satisfactory ending? Why or why not?

Did you enjoy Adam of the Road? Why or why not?
