



TITLE: Journey to the River Sea

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INTEREST AGE: 9-13 Years

BOOKBAND: Dark Red and Black (G+T)

OUR REVIEW: Enjoyable, traditional adventure with colourful characters. Obvious but a good read.

Task One

Discuss the following quote from Chapter One.

"Whether a place is a hell or a heaven rests in yourself."

What could make the Amazon 'hell'?

What could make the Amazon 'heaven'?

Task Two

List the similarities and differences between Clovis and Maia. (Chapter Two)

Task Three

In Chapter Four Maia buys some postcards to send to her friends in England. Write a postcard that she could have sent. How does she feel? What does she tell them about?

Task Four

Write a diary entry by Mr Low when he comes back to Manaus. (Chapter Eight)

Task Five

Discuss the following quote from Chapter Nine.

"I'm never going back to Westwood." (Finn)

Why does Finn want to stay in the Amazon?

Why does Clovis want to go to Westwood?

Task Six

In Chapter Eleven what will Maia miss about Finn when he goes? Write a paragraph.



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What feelings did Clovis have about meeting his new 'grandfather' (Sir Aubrey)?

Was Sir Aubrey pleased when he saw his new grandson? Describe what he saw.

Task Seven

Write a letter that Clovis might have written to Maia and Finn after his first day at Westwood. (Chapter Fifteen)

Task Eight

Imagine you are Mrs Carter. Write a paragraph describing a day in her life. (Chapter Sixteen)

Task Nine

Discuss the following quote from Chapter Seventeen.

"Sir Aubrey would be disappointed. He'd obviously mellowed a lot since Bernard was a boy – old gentlemen did that, Clovis knew, at the end of their lives."

What did Sir Aubrey do in this chapter that shows he has mellowed?

Task Ten

How did Finn feel when he arrived at the Carter's burned house and couldn't find Maia?

Write a diary entry from Finn's point of view.

Other books by Eva Ibbotson include...

