Because these books were designed for children 3-12, the narrative purpose is very simple: to teach simple social studies to beginners, set in a child’s adventure story. Some of the questions I propose are not answered in the text because understanding the text supposes that the child already knows these things, like, the difference between turquoise and cornflower blue.

Similarly, contrary to my books for older children, there are few issues to discuss with your child in these books.

Book I: Holland

A. Social Studies Questions You Can Ask Your Child Based on the text. Since the books are about specific areas in Michigan, it would be good to have a map of the area handy.

1. What do we mean when we say that a cottage or a windmill is thatched?
2. What are Klompen Dancers?
3. What are Pleistocene horses?
4. Why do we have lighthouses?
5. Can you find Macatawa State Park on the map?
6. What’s a shoal?
7. What does the person telling the story (the narrator) mean by Tulpen Fest? When does it take place? What’s it for?
8. What is DeZwann? What does it's name mean in English? How old is it? What do they make there?
9. How many tulips are on Windmill Island?
10. What’s a draaimolen?
11. What are stepped gables?
12. What is a plank road? Have you ever been on one? Now you know why some streets are still named “plank,” like Romeo Plank, which is now paved.
13. What’s a Hexenwaag? When was it made?
14. What’s a seawall?
15. What kind of houses do they have in Holland?
16. Are they just like the ones in the Holland in Europe? Why did the Dutch build their homes out of brick in the old country?
17. What’s a Zweefmolen?
18. Who was Isaac Capon?
19. Were the Dutch good at chopping wood?
20. Why was venison hanging from the trees in Holland, Michigan? What did the Dutch do when they saw it? What did they do with the corn
and bean fields? Why did the Indians leave the fields untended?
What did the Indians do when they came home? How do you think they felt when they saw that their food had been taken by the Dutch?

21. How did the Dutch clean the streets?
22. What’s a Volksparade?
23. Where is Saugatuck?
24. What’s an artist’s colony?
25. What’s the Star of Saugatuck?
26. Have you ever been on a paddleboat? How does it work?
27. What’s a bed and breakfast?
28. Where is Goshorn Lake?
29. What did they make at DeKlomp?
30. What is Delftware?
31. What’s a coiffe?

B. And here are some literary questions you can have your child answer:

1. What’s a narrator? Who is the narrator? (The narrator is the one who tells the story)
2. What does Kevin want to be when he grows up? What do you want to be when you grow up?
3. Who suggests to Kevin that he write short histories about the places his family visits? Do you think that’s a good idea? Would you like to do that? If you wrote a good story about your family’s vacation, we would publish it on www.booksforhomeschooling.com.
4. Who is Katie?
5. Who is Jody the Mouse?
6. What does Katie think Jody can do?
7. What does Katie want her brother to do?
8. How does Kevin feel about this idea?
9. What does their mother tell Kevin?
10. What does Kevin finally decide to do?
11. Does Kevin become an historian when he grows up?
12. What’s a novelist? (A novelist is someone who writes long make-believe stories for young adults and grown-ups). What’s an historical novelist? (An historical novelist is someone whose long, made-up stories are based on events that actually took place in the past).
13. Why does the skunk want to eat Jody?
14. Why is Jody the worst mouse the skunk has ever tasted?
15. Why does the mouse think Katie is clever?
16. What does Katie do to Jody in Dutch Village? What does Katie do about it? What does Mrs. Murphy do? What happens to Jody?
17. What does Mr. Murphy say when he hears Jody is drowning? Who
saves Jody?
19. What museums does Kevin visit? Why?
20. Who is Kevin’s favorite historical character? Why do you think he likes that particular character?
21. Why does Mrs. Murphy make Katie promise to let her save Jody the next time he falls in the water?
22. Why does Jody have mixed feelings about the cute baby raccoons?
23. Does Katie get a pair of wooden shoes? Why not?
24. How did Jody get to be the family’s official interpreter?

Book II: Frankenmuth
A. Social Studies Questions You Can Ask Your Child Based on the text. Since the books are about specific areas in Michigan, it would be good to have a map of the area handy.

1. What is Christmas Lane? Where is it?
2. What’s in Bronner’s CHRISTmas Wonderland?
3. Who was Charles Dickens?
4. What is *A Christmas Carol*? Who wrote it? Do you know the story? Tell it.
5. Who was Tchaikovsky? What was the Nutcracker Suite?
6. What is Bronner’s Silent Night Memorial Chapel?
7. Who were Joseph Mohr and Franz Xaver Gruber? Where did they live?
8. What is Bronner’s Chapel like?
9. Why is Silent Night sung with a guitar on Christmas Eve?
10. Who was the Pied Piper? Do you know the story? Tell it.
11. Where’s the Cass River?
12. What does the name 'Frankenmuth' mean?
13. When did the original settlers arrive? Where did they come from?
14. Did the Indians stay in Frankenmuth after the settlers came? Why not?
15. How many original settlers were there? Did they have a safe journey on the ship? What diseases did they catch?
16. What Church did the settlers build?
17. For what trades was Frankenmuth known?
18. What is Zeesnagel’s Miniature Village?
19. Where was the world’s largest cuckoo clock?
20. What’s the legend of the cuckoo clock? Can you tell it in your own words?

B. And here are some literary questions you can have your child answer:
1. Who makes up the stories of Jody’s Michigan Adventures?
2. What does Kevin do in these books?
3. Who is Jody?
4. Whose story is the Frankenmuth tale?
5. Who is Schatzi? What does his German name mean in English?
6. Where do Jody and Schatzi go at 10 minutes to midnight on Christmas Eve? Why?
7. Who shows up in the chimney?
8. How old is Kevin? What is he getting for Christmas?
9. How old is Katie?
10. What does Santa do when he sees Jody and Schatzi?
12. Where do the two friends sit down to eat?
13. While the friends are eating, what do they talk about?
14. In a book, a place where characters (book people) picture the past is a “flashback.” What do Jody and Schatzi remember in their flashback?
15. How old was Kevin when the Murphys met Schatzi? How old was Katie then?
16. What did Katie want to be when she grew up? What does she think Kevin will become?
17. Does Katie think about paying Kevin to type up her stories? What does Kevin tell her? Is he being fair?
18. Where does Katie leave Jody? Why does she leave him?
19. Who is Siegfried?
20. Who is Brunhilde?
21. Is Siegfried jealous of the Mouse King?
22. Why does the Mouse King laugh?
23. How does Brunhilde feel?
24. Why does Siegfried decide the Mouse King can have Brunhilde after all?
25. Why doesn’t Katie notice that Jody is missing? Where does she go with her family? Where do Jody, Schatzi, and Siegfried go?
26. Why do Brunhilde and Siegfried argue at the clock tower?
27. Why does Katie think the Bavarian Inn is a real castle?
28. What happens to Siegfried?
29. Why does Schatzi shudder?
30. When does Katie think about Jody? Where does she go before she finds him?
31. How does Jody feel when Katie finds him?
32. Why does Katie’s father buy Schatzi?
33. What’s Mr. Murphy’s favorite store?
34. What assignment does Katie give Kevin in the van? What does she do?
Why does Kevin want to go to Bavaria?
45. What makes this a wonderful Christmas for Jody?
46. Why does Kevin have nightmares? What does he dream about?

Book III: Mackinac

A. Social Studies Questions You Can Ask Your Child Based on the text.
Since the books are about specific areas in Michigan, it would be good to have a map of the area handy.

1. What’s the temperature of the water in the Mackinac Straits in summer? Is that warm?
2. What is anishinaabemowin? What does the name 'Mich' mean in anishinaabemowin?
3. Why is it called Mackinac Island?
4. What is Michilimachinac? When was it built and why?
5. How could Kevin discover what the French and Indians ate and drank when they lived in Michilimachinac? What did they eat and drink?
6. Why did the Indians trade their fur? Did they get a good trade?
7. What did Indians eat? What kind of meat? fish? fruit? What did they do with maple syrup? Where did they get all these things?
8. What is it about Mackinac Bridge that makes it famous? Where does the bridge go?
9. What’s a hydroplane?
10. Why do the passengers smell lilacs as they come into Mackinac?
11. What are Percherons? Belgian Clydesdales? Where do they come from?
12. What’s the Grand Hotel? When was it built? By whom? Why? Describe it.
13. What cargo do the freighters headed west carry? Where do these ships go?
14. What’s Arch Rock? What does the guide say about Arch Rock? How did it get a hole in it?
15. What’s Sugar Loaf?
16. Why do the police come to Arch Rock in a car?
17. Who was Robert Stuart? What’s the Stuart House? When was it built?
18. What’s McGulpin House? Where did it come from?
19. What is the Beaumont Memorial Building? Why is it a memorial? To whom?
20. Who was Alexis St. Martin? What did Dr. Beaumont do for him? What did the doctor write in 1833?
21. When did people live in the fort? When did the French come to
Mackinac?
22. What did the Indians do for the French?
23. Who was Chief Pontiac?
24. Who was Commander Geoffrey Amherst? Why was he cruel?

B. And here are some literary questions you can have your child answer:
1. When does the story start?
2. Why are Katie and Kevin sitting by the fire? What do they talk about?
3. Whose idea is it to write the story? Why does Katie need to talk to Jody and Mich before she tells Kevin about her version of their trip to Mackinac?
5. Why does Katie think Jody and Mich are being mean to each other?
6. Why did Katie’s father have to wring the turtle out?
7. How does Mich end up on the floor after he talks about the Mackinac Bridge?
8. What does Jody remember about the Island?
9. In what way was the trip hard on Mich?
10. Why doesn’t Katie want to ask Kevin the details about their trip to Mackinac?
12. Where is the fort?
13. What’s a bluff?
14. What does Katie want to visit?
15. What happens to Mich while they are watching the fudge maker? What does the fudge maker say?
16. What does Mrs. Murphy do?
17. What does Mr. Murphy say? Is he right? What does Katie do?
18. What does Mrs. Murphy do with Mich?
19. What becomes of Katie? What do Kevin and his father do? Is Katie a helpless little thing?
20. How long does it take to bike all around the island?
21. Why is Kevin’s stomach knotted up?
22. What do Kevin and his father decide to do when they don’t find Katie by bike? What do they find at the stable? What does Kevin think of his sister’s bike? Does Katie know how to ride horseback? Why are Kevin and his father puzzled? Why does Mr. Murphy call the police?
23. What do Kevin and his father see over the cliff at Arch Rock?
24. Why does Mr. Murphy cry? Why is Mrs. Murphy crying? How does
Kevin feel?
25. Where is Katie? Who is Walter? Who called the police about Katie?
26. How did Katie manage to go for a ride?
27. What language does Mich speak?
28. How does Kevin feel when Katie is safe? Why?
29. Why is a time out a torture for Katie?
30. Is Katie all grown up by the time Kevin reads her his story two years later? How do you know?

Book IV: Detroit

A. Social Studies Questions You Can Ask Your Child Based on the text. Since the books are about specific areas in Michigan, it would be good to have a map of the area handy.

1. What’s Avgolemono Soup?
2. What’s a Peloponnesian?
3. What’s an evzone suit?
4. What’s the Eastern Market? Where is it?
5. What’s a chador?
6. What’s a sari?
7. What do they sell at the Eastern Market?
8. What’s Dolma?
9. Where’s Hamtramck?
10. What are angel wings?
11. What’s Kielbasa?
12. Where’s Royal Oak? What’s there? What’s a gallery?
13. What is Lebanese? Thai? Mongolian? What are those countries’ names and where are they?
14. What’s an aviary? What else can you see at the Detroit Zoo?
15. What are Mandrills? What do they look like?
16. What’s the Detroit People Mover?
17. What’s a rooster tail when you’re talking about a boat traveling in the water?
18. What’s in the Belle Isle Conservatory? Where is it?
19. What’s a gourami? What are Alpacas, Emus, Cassowaries, Oryx?
20. How did Detroit get to be Motor City?
21. Where did the money to Build Detroit come from? Can you build a city without money?
22. Did Henry Ford invent the first car?
23. What is mass Production?
24. Why could Henry Ford sell his cars cheaply?
25. When Henry Ford began to produce cars, what did this mean for
peoples’ jobs and related businesses?
26. Who were the seven Fisher Brothers?
27. Who was William Randolph Hearst?
28. What is Meadow Brook Hall? Where is it? When is a good time to visit Meadow Brook Hall?
29. Who was Thomas Edison? Who was his best friend?
30. What’s the Ford Rouge Complex?
31. What was the Battle of the Overpass?
32. Who was Walter Reuther?
33. Who were Michael Jackson, Diana Ross, The Supremes, Stevie Wonder, The Temptations?
34. Where are the Cotswolds?
35. Who was Edsel Ford? What did he do? Did his father appreciate him?
36. Was Henry Ford a good person?
37. Who was Berry Gordy?
38. What was the Edison Institute? What’s there? What is the purpose of the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village? What are the most important things to see there?
39. Who was Saint Dunstan?

B. And here are some literary questions you can have your child answer:
1. Where do the Murphy’s go to dine?
2. Who is Jody? Who is Gilbert? Who is Katie? Who is Kevin?
3. Is it good manners to slurp your soup?
4. When Gilbert sees the organ grinder on Monroe Street, the monkey causes him to have a flashback (i.e. to think about something that happened a while ago). What is the flashback (i.e., Gilbert’s memory) about?
5. Why did Gilbert choose the Mongolian Restaurant? Does he like his dinner? Why not?
6. What did Gilbert do to Kevin’s Samurai Warrior kite? Do you think Katie had anything to do with that?
7. How does Gilbert dress to fly the kite?
8. What did the family do before going home that day?
9. Why does the Harambee ape laugh at Gilbert?
10. Where is Katie?
11. What’s the ape’s name? And his short name?
12. Why doesn’t Jody want the ape to think Gilbert is his friend? Did you ever feel that way about someone you know?
13. What is the frog wearing? Why?
14. What does the ape say to Gilbert?
15. What does Gilbert think of Mac? Why?
16. What does Jody do? Does he accept Mac’s invitation?
17. Where does Mac take Gilbert?
18. What does the big ape think of Gilbert do you suppose?
19. What do the apes do with Gilbert?
20. Why does the big ape spit?
21. What saves Gilbert?
22. Why is Gilbert afraid of the monkey in Greektown?
23. What does Mrs. Murphy think of Casinos and gambling? What do you think? Why is Gilbert disappointed not to be able to go to the Casino?
24. Who is Mary?
25. How many stories does the Westin Hotel have? Why does Gilbert get dizzy?
26. What do Kevin and his father discuss at the Westin Hotel?
27. What part of Greenfield Village does Katie like the best?
28. Why is Gilbert disappointed?
29. Why does Katie feel like a medieval person when she goes to Christ Church at Cranbrook on Christmas Eve?
30. What happens to Gilbert?
31. Why does Kevin type Katie’s story?

Book V: Greenfield Village

A. Social Studies Questions You Can Ask Your Child Based on the text. Since the books are about specific areas in Michigan, it would be good to have a map of the area handy.
1. Why did Henry Ford take apart wrist watches?
2. Where is the Smithsonian Institute? What’s there?
3. Where are the Cotswolds?
4. What’s a biplane?
5. What’s a cockpit?
6. When you talk about airplanes, what’s “drag”? What do people mean by “lift’”?
7. How did the Wright Brothers fly their first glider? Did they ride in it?
8. What was the Quadricle? When was it built? By whom?
9. From which building is the entrance to the Henry Ford copied?
10. Why do Elliot and Kevin want to go to the Grand Trunk Depot? Is the train on which Thomas Edison was a newsboy at the Henry Ford? Why not?
11. How old was Thomas Edison when he worked as a news butch? What did they mean in those days by a “news butch”?
12. Where was Thomas Edison born? When? Why did they call him Al?
13. Why did the town of Milan, Ohio 'die'? What does it mean when we say a town 'died'? Why did the Edisons have to move away? Where did they go? What kind of work did Al’s father do in Milan?

14. How old was Thomas Edison when he first went to school? Who was his teacher? What was he like? Why didn’t Al do well? Why did Al’s mother go to see his teacher? What did Thomas Edison say about her?

15. Why did Al sit on Lulu the goose’s eggs? Was this a good idea?

16. Why did Al set fire to the barn?


18. What damaged Al’s hearing?

19. What did Al do to sell more papers?

20. What did Thomas Edison invent? How many patents did he have? Was he rich?


22. Why did Henry Ford have to chop down part of his shop on Bagley Avenue in Detroit?

23. Where did the Wright Brothers build their planes?

24. Where was Luther Burbank born? When? When did he go to Santa Rosa in California? What did he use to mark special plants so he could find them again?

25. What did Luther Burbank find in Massachusetts as a little boy? How did it help him to create a new kind of potato? What was the new potato called?

26. How did Luther Burbank prove that you can direct nature? What did people call him? What are some of the new species he invented? Why did he create a dwarf apple tree?

27. Where is Bibury? Who lives there?

28. How does a windmill work?

29. What’s a forge? What’s a blacksmithery?

30. What’s a dovecote?

31. What’s a walled garden?

32. Why is the furniture in the Cotswold Cottage blackened?

33. Who was Noah Webster? Where did he live?

34. Where did Noah go to college? Was he a snotty youngster? What did his father do?

35. What subjects did Noah study at Yale? When was Noah at Yale? What did he want to be? What did his father want him to do with his life? How did he pay for his studies?
36. Why did Noah Webster believe in education?
37. What was The Blue Backed Speller? When was it published? How many copies were sold?
38. Did Noah take part in the Constitutional Convention? How did his ideas get into the final draft of the Constitution?
39. Who was Rebecca Greenleaf? What did Becca suggest to Noah? What was the result? When was it published?
40. Of which school was Noah president? When?
41. How old was Noah when he went to Europe? Why did he go there? When was the dictionary finished?
42. Did Noah Webster make money on his publications? Do you think artists and writers make a lot of money on their publications? What about scientists? Do they always make money on their patents? Why Do you think that is? When did Noah Webster die? What mattered the most about a man’s life in Noah Webster’s eyes? What is it that really makes a man wealthy?
43. Who was George Washington Carver? Where was he born? Were his parents free? To whom did his mother Mary belong?
44. Why did George’s teacher discourage him from being an artist? Where did she encourage him to go?
45. Where and when did George Carver become a member of the faculty? Where did he become Director of Agriculture? What was his greatest contribution? Why? How many products did he develop?
46. What were the Jim Crow laws? How did they shame Carver? What did he think black people needed to do?
47. Where did George Carver get his honorary Doctorate of Science?

B. And here are some literary questions you can have your child answer:
1. What was “crazy” about the previous summer for Kevin?
2. What does Elliot want to be when he grows up?
3. Of whom does he remind Kevin?
4. Where does Elliot live?
5. Who is Vernabelle? Where does she come from?
6. Where is Elliot when he yells “Hey look at me!” What’s he doing there?
7. What happens to the glider?
8. Why does Vernabelle cover her eyes?
9. Is Elliot inside the byplane? Where is Elliot?
10. Why is Elliot wearing a suit? Why does Elliot pull on his eyebrows?
11. Why do Kevin and Elliot want to go to the Henry Ford Museum?
12. Why does Katie want to bring her friend, Jihan?
13. Why does Kevin suggest Katie and Jihan go to the village while he goes to the museum? Does Katie like the idea? Why?
15. How will they get to Dearborn where the museum is?
16. How is Elliot like Thomas Edison?
17. Why does Jihan want to visit Washington Carver’s first home and the Hermitage Slave houses?
18. What do the girls plan to see?
19. What does Vernabelle want to do? What does Jody want to do?
20. How did Jihan learn so much about Luther Burbank?
21. How did most of the buildings get to Greenfield Village?
22. Why is Jihan angry when she sees the Hermitage Slave houses? What does Jody tell her?
23. What did Katie and Jihan miss seeing that Kevin thinks was essential?
24. What’s the terrible crash that Katie and Kevin see two weeks later?

Book VI: The Northwest
A. Social Studies Questions You Can Ask Your Child Based on the text. Since the books are about specific areas in Michigan, it would be good to have a map of the area handy.
1. What is there to see in Ludington, Michigan?
2. What’s a breakwall?
3. What’s the purpose of the Ludington North Breakwater?
4. Who was James Ludington?
5. Where’s Point Betsie?
6. Where are the Sleeping Bear Dunes?
7. What is the Indian legend about the Dunes? Do you know the Indian story about North and South Manitou Islands? Tell it.
8. What is in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Park?
9. How long does it take to climb a dune?
10. What’s the Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive?
11. How old are the dunes? How tall are they? How tall were they before they eroded? What’s erosion?
12. Who supplied wood for the steamers that passed through the Manitou Islands? What did the farms of Manitou provide? What used to be on Manitou Islands?
14. Who was Henry Schoolcraft?
15. What is the Manitou and where is it docked?
16. What’s a Petoskey stone?
17. What’s a fossil?
18. Where is Old Mission Peninsula? How many commercial orchards are in the Traverse area? How many cherry trees? Where do they have the cherry festival? Why is it a good place to grow cherries?
19. Who planted the apple orchards on Highway 37?
20. Why aren’t there many Petoskey stones in Petoskey?
21. What’s a quill box? How is it made? Who made quill boxes?
22. Where is the largest Petoskey stone ever found? How old is it? How much does it weigh?
23. What Indian tribe lived between Harbor Springs and Cross Village?
24. What’s the tunnel of trees?
25. Where’s Hartwich Pines? What kind of trees are there?

B. And here are some literary questions you can have your child answer:
1. Where does the story begin? Where is that exactly on the map?
2. Who is Willie the Wolf? Why is Jody scared of him? Why does Jody sleep with one eye open?
3. What time is it when Kevin goes to the beach?
4. What does Katie see on the beach?
5. What makes the waves look like lace do you think?
6. What kind of footprints does Kevin’s father find next to Katie’s?
7. Why do the tracks next to Katie’s prints only show one footprint instead of two or four?
8. Where does Kevin’s father go?
9. Why does Kevin get a lump in his throat?
10. What does Kevin find in the middle of the path? What does Kevin think it is? Who does he meet? What does Katie tell him about the “little dog”?
11. What does Katie want to do with the “little dog”?
12. What does the “little dog” do when Kevin takes Katie back to the beach?
13. Where does the “little dog” settle in? Is it really a “little dog”? What is it?
14. Why is Jody hiding under the seat in the van when Kevin goes back for his sunglasses?
15. Why does Mrs. Murphy scream?
16. What does Katie call the fox? What does Kevin think of the name? Why?
17. What does Mr. Murphy do with the fox? What does Katie do afterwards?
18. Where do they have a picnic?
19. Why does Jody complain about the dunes?
20. Does Kevin want to do more hiking when they get back to camp? What about Mr. Murphy?
21. Who is sleeping in Katie’s sleeping bag?
22. What does Katie finally agree to do with Fluffy?
23. What does Mr. Murphy have planned for the next two days?
24. What has Fluffy done to the van?
25. What does the Murphy family do while Mr. Murphy goes to get the van fixed? What might they have done if it hadn’t been for Fluffy?
26. What does Kevin say to Katie? Where do they go next? Are they having fun?
27. Why does Jody want to take a correspondence course in Kung Fu? What is a correspondence course?

Book VII: The Upper Peninsula

A. Social Studies Questions You Can Ask Your Child Based on the text. Since the books are about specific areas in Michigan, it would be good to have a map of the area handy.

1. Who came to Michigan to work the copper mines?
2. What are meat pasties? How did the miners heat these in the mines?
3. What did the Finlander bring to the Upper Peninsula? What did they do to earn a living?
4. What are Yoopers?
5. Where did the Swedes settle in Michigan?
6. Where did the Italians find work?
7. What is Fayette? What was produced there? Why did Fayette become a ghost town.
8. What are taconite pellets? Where can you see them?
9. What’s the Hanka Homestead? Where is it?
10. What are the Soo Locks? Why do we need locks there?
11. Where are Pictured Rocks?
12. What does Gogebic mean in Anishinaabemowin? What is Anishinaabemowin?
13. What’s a primeval forest? Where can you find one in Michigan?
14. Where can you see four waterfalls at the same time in the same river in Michigan?
15. What’s Miner’s Castle?
16. Where’s Taquamenon Falls? Why is the water the color of root beer?
17. What do you call little bears? They’re so cute! Should you pet them if you see them? Why not? Should you feed bears? Why not?
18. How much does a mother bear weigh?
19. Where’s St. Ignace?
20. What’s a voyageur?
21. Who was Jean Nicolet?
22. Who was Jacaques Marquette? What did he want in the New World?
23. Who are the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi?
24. Why did the Indians tribes gather at Bawating?
25. Why did the Indians play sports?
26. Why did the Odawas and the Hurons leave Southern Ontario and come
to the Great Lakes? (Show on a map where Southern Ontario is and
then the Great Lakes).
27. Where did they Ojibwe settle?
28. Where did the Potawatomi live?
29. How did the Indians treat their children? What did they value the most?
30. Who predicted the arrival of Europeans on American soil?
31. What’s a kayak?
32. What is kitch-iti-kipi?

B. And here are some literary questions you can have your child answer:
1. When does the story take place?
2. What are Kevin and Katie drinking? What does Kevin think about the summer?
   What does Katie think?
3. How does Kevin feel? What does Kevin want?
4. What does Katie remember? Why is this called a flashback in literature?
   (Hint: flash + back: to flash back to the past, like a camera’s flash illuminating the
dark).
5. How does Kevin remember the trip?
6. What did Katie pester their father for?
7. What does Katie remember as the best part of the trip? Why?
8. Why did Alfred get to stay in the car?
9. What happens to Jody?
10. What does Kevin like the best?
11. Why does Mrs. Murphy laugh when Katie suggests spending their
    vacation at Taquamenon?
12. Why does Katie rush away?
13. What does Jody think about going to Taquamenon? Does Mitch want to go? Why
    not?
14. Does Katie get any more toys? Why not?
15. Why does Katie think Kevin is boring?
16. Why does Katie like Kitch-iti-kipi?
17. What does Katie see at the edge of Kitch-iti-kipi?
18. Why is Kevin scared?
19. What happens to Jody? What do Mr. and Mrs. Murphy do?
20. Why does Katie miss Jody so much and care so little for Alfred? (hint: Alfred
doesn't communicate),
21. What does Mrs. Murphy tell Katie about Alfred?
22. Why does Mr. Murphy want to know about the Italian settlers?
23. What is Katie’s dream about?
24. Why is the little bear a Yooper?
25. Katie’s mother says it was just a bad dream. What does Katie say? What happens because of her dream?
26. Why did Katie think the porcupine was a Wookie?
27. What does Katie want to do when she finds out why the porcupine throws his quills? Would that have been a good idea?
28. Was there real gold at Grand Portal Point, do you think?
29. Why does Alfred finally speak?