

Sign of the Beaver

Chapters 19-21 Comprehension Questions

Directions: **Write each answer using complete sentences.**

1. In Chapter 20 when Attean goes off to find his manitou, Matt has many questions. In your own words, restate some of these questions. Then add some questions that you have about what a manitou is and its significance.
2. Within the Penobscot culture, Attean calls certain activities “squaw work”. Identify these activities. Write about your initial reactions to assigning certain activities to women and other activities to men. How does the setting of the story help you to understand the differences between “women’s work” and “men’s work”? In your own culture, which tasks are often assigned this way?
3. Being separated from a friend can be a painful experience, so readers can understand Matt’s feelings as Attean leaves on his quest. Write about a time when you and a friend had to part.