



humiliate her, the heartless Raven gives gray stockings to all the girls—all except Margaret, who gets red ones. In an instant, Margaret is the laughingstock of the entire school. In the face of such cruelty, Margaret refuses to be intimidated and bravely gets rid of the stockings. Although a sympathetic nun stands up for Margaret, in the end it is this brave young girl who gives the Raven a lesson in the power of human dignity.



BEFORE STARTING THE BOOK

WHILE READING THE BOOK

5. Why did Olemaun think Alice was chasing the rabbit? Why do you think she had a hard time understanding?
6. Do you think that Alice was brave to chase the rabbit?
7. What does Olemaun think it must have been like at the outsiders' school? After persisting what does Rosie say about the school?
8. What does it mean to take everything?
9. Why do you think that Olemaun's father told the outsiders "no" the previous four summers when they had come for her?
10. Why do you think that the outsiders want to take the children?
11. When did this book take place?
12. How did Olemaun's family travel?
13. When Olemaun's father told her "no" how did she respond? How do children these days often respond when their parents say no?
14. What does Olemaun's father tell her about the schools and the outsiders?
15. How does Olemaun feel about the outsiders' songs and dances compared to her own?
16. Olemaun has heard that she would be asked to kneel and pray for forgiveness a number of times, what does she think about that?
17. Why do you think that Olemaun stops bugging her father about going to the school for a while?
18. What quality does Olemaun possess that her father says the outsiders don't like? Why do you think this is the case?
19. At the end of Chapter One, Olemaun's father uses a rock to demonstrate the change that will

Does Olemaun understand his message?

CHAPTER 2

1. At the beginning of Chapter Two Olemaun describes her family's spring migration. How many schooners were traveling with them? How many families were on each schooner? How many days was the trip?

4. What was Olemaun playing with after her father sold his winter catch of furs?
5. What place did Olemaun feel was magical and why?
6. What did Olemaun's mother say to her to try to convince her not to go to school?
7. Why does Olemaun think her mother wants her to stay home from the school? Do you think that Olemaun is correct in her thinking?
8. What things does Olemaun's mother buy her at the Hudson's Bay Company?
9. What do you think was in the white tube that Olemaun's mother bought her?

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7. Throughout the novel Margaret is seeking an education. What do you think she really learned in this story? Explain.
8. In the beginning of the book Margaret said that she thought Alice was brave to chase the rabbit out of curiosity. Do you think Margaret was brave? Explain.

THE SCHOOLS