

1. Given the description of the men's condition, why do you suppose they did not remove their footgear to cross the stream? (1) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Give a rational reason why Bill does not answer when his name is called? (1)

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3. What is the approximate time and place the story is set? (2) \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What is the primary sensation of the man as he looks around. (2) \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Why does he hurry to the top of the hill despite the pain in his ankle? (1)

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6. Where is the man headed? What will he find there? (2) \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Besides his swollen ankle, what is the man's greatest problem? (1)

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8. What irrational act does the man perform (bottom of page 331) and why does he do it?

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9. What do you think the moose-hide sack contains? Hint: it weighs as much as the rest of the pack, but he refuses to leave it behind and casts a glance around him as if to see if anyone is looking. (2)

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10. What does the fox represent? (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. What are the only two things the man has had to eat? (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. What irrational act does the man perform as he searches for food? (2)  
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13. How does the fish escape him? (1) \_\_\_\_\_
14. How does nature reflect the feelings of the man (page 335)? (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. When the man wakes again (page 336) how are his feelings different? (2)  
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16. What does the man do with the pack and items he has been carrying (page 337)?  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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17. What does he find to eat (pages 336-37)? (1) \_\_\_\_\_
18. What hallucination does the man have (page 338)? Why are his imaginations  
brief?(1)  
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19. How does he manage to avoid a bear attack? (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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20. What are the man's thoughts on death (page 340)? (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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21. Comment on how the middle paragraph of page 340 relates to the title of the story. (2)

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22. What does the man see way off in the distance (page 341)? Why is he sure, at first, that it must be a vision and not a mirage? (3)

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23. He then hears something behind him. What is it? (1)

24. How does he reach the decision that the ship must be real? (2)

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25. What has happened to Bill? What item has Bill kept to the end that the man got rid of long ago? (2)

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26. Why is the man shocked (bottom of page 343)? (1)

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27. How does the man kill the wolf? (2)

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28. Why do the men from the whaleship decide to go ashore to identify what they see? (2)

29. What unusual behavior does the man exhibit after the first few weeks after his rescue? (2)

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30. How does his appearance change? Does the story end happily? (2)

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