

The Hidden Valley

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Before you read this book:

1. Read the blurb on the back of the book and look at the cover. What do you think this book will be about

Read Chapter 1:

2. What has this chapter told you about Joel?
3. The chapters in this book do not have titles. For each of the 19 chapters, think of a suitable title and create a contents.

Read Chapter 2:

4. Where do you think this story is set? Why?
5. What might Joel's dad have been looking for or trying to prove?

Read Chapters 3-4:

6. Make a list of as many interesting adjectives that you can find in these chapters.

Read Chapters 5-6:

7. Describe what got Joel's dad, or draw a picture of it.
8. What do you think that Joel's grand dad will say or do when he finds out Joel went into the tunnel?

Read Chapters 7-8

9. Why were the tunnels golden?
10. What made Joel decide to climb back out of the Valley?

Read Chapter 9

11. Who do you think answered Joel at the end of the chapter?

Read Chapter 10-11

12. Draw a picture of Jake's 'house'

Read Chapters 12-15

13. How did Joel's father survive for twelve years in the valley?

Read Chapters 16-19:

14. Why did Joel's dad not want him to come back?
15. Do you think that Joel will tell Grand dad and Jimpy what he found?
16. Write a newspaper article that describes the discovery of the valley.
17. Create a story map for this story.