

QUESTIONS ABOUT
CANNERY ROW
Part 2

This book is about a street in Monterey, California, where they canned sardines eighty years ago. Steinbeck writes about many dubious but interesting characters who inhabit the neighborhood. The book is more like a series of short stories than a real novel, but it builds to a strong finale where all is rendered whole and good.

The questions below cover chapters 12 to 21 (pages 68 to 125).

Chapter 12

1. Josh Billings is the pen name of Henry Shaw who served in congress in the nineteenth century but is better known as a humorist on par with Mark Twain. What happens with Josh Billings according to this story?

Chapter 13

2. When, according to Steinbeck, is the best time to catch frogs?
3. Mack and the Boys head up Carmel River in an old Model T Ford and stay overnight by a pool. What do they have for dinner? Where does this food come from?
4. They meet a man they call "Captain." What does he tell them?
5. What's wrong with his dog? What does Mack offer to do for the dog? What is the result?

Chapter 14

6. What happens in Chapter 14?

Chapter 15

7. What did the captain bring up from the basement? What did they do before they went frog hunting?
8. How did they hunt for the frogs? What did they do with what they caught? How many did they catch?

9. What did they do after the hunt? They left before the captain's wife came home. Why?

Chapter 16

10. Why was that March a good month for the Bear Flag Restaurant?
11. When the flu epidemic hit, who did the sick of Cannery Row turn to for medical help? Who took food to the homes of the sick?
12. What is the significance of the bear flag?

Chapter 17

13. What was the main thing Doc did on his drive to La Jolla?
14. What happened when he picked up the hitchhiker? What did he order at the restaurant in Ventura?

Chapter 18

15. What marine animals was Doc hunting? What did he discover among the seaweed in the outer tidal pool?

Chapter 19

16. What did the flagpole skater use for a toilet?

Chapter 20

17. Where did Mack and the Boys do with all the frogs they caught?
18. What did they decide to do to make there party seem like a real party? Where were the frogs kept during the party?
19. The party was over before Doc came home. What was the state of his house at the end of the party?

Chapter 21

20. When Doc discovered who was responsible for the damage, what did he do to him? What did they do together after that?