

Never Cry Wolf by Farley Mowat
Study Questions - Chapters 17-24

Chapter 17 - Visitors from Hidden Valley

1. What did George do to Albert while Albert slept after a successful and nearby hunt?
2. Why did the author call this action a practical joke?
3. Why did Angeline allow strange wolves to visit the den?

Chapter 18 - Family Life

4. What were the orders that the author had not followed so far in his study of the wolves?
5. How are wolves distributed on the tundra?
6. How often do wolves mate? Do all wolves mate and have litters?
7. How are wolf population numbers controlled?
8. What happened in Churchill in 1946 when a rabid wolf appeared?

Chapter 19 - Naked to the Wolves

9. What was the author doing when he decided to track (pursue) the three unusually colored wolves - one white and two black?
10. Why did the wolves not attack the caribou according to the author?
11. How did the Inuit (Eskimo) women and her three youngsters receive the author after his trek?

Chapter 20 - The Worm in the Bud

12. How do wolves test a herd of caribou for the state of health and general condition of the deer?
13. "The caribou feeds the wolf, but it is the wolf who keep the caribou strong." Explain this saying of the Eskimo.
14. Which deer were the real prey of the wolves? How did the author find this out?
15. What did the author do that caused Ootek to cough convulsively (retch) and leave the author alone?

Chapter 21 - School Days

16. What did the caribou herds do in the autumn?
17. What did the adult wolves do to the larger herd? Why?

Chapter 22 - Scatology (scat is the poop of animals)

18. What is a Raunkiaer's Circle? How do you use it? What does it measure?
19. How did Ootek end the plant study?

20. How did the author study the scat that he had collected all summer long?
21. Why do you think the Inuit left before the meal was finished and given to them?
22. What did the author find in the scat?

Chapter 23 - To Kill a Wolf

23. What do the wolves and the caribou do in the winter and why?
24. How do people hunt wolves in the winter and why?
25. How and why are caribou massacred for sport?
26. Why did the Cree and the government not listen to the author?

Chapter 24 - The World We Lost

27. For how long was the author out of contact with the authorities? Why?
28. How was the author found?
29. What was the last part of the study the author completed before leaving?
30. What did the author find? How did he feel?

Epilogue

31. What probably happened to the wolves at Wolf House Bay?