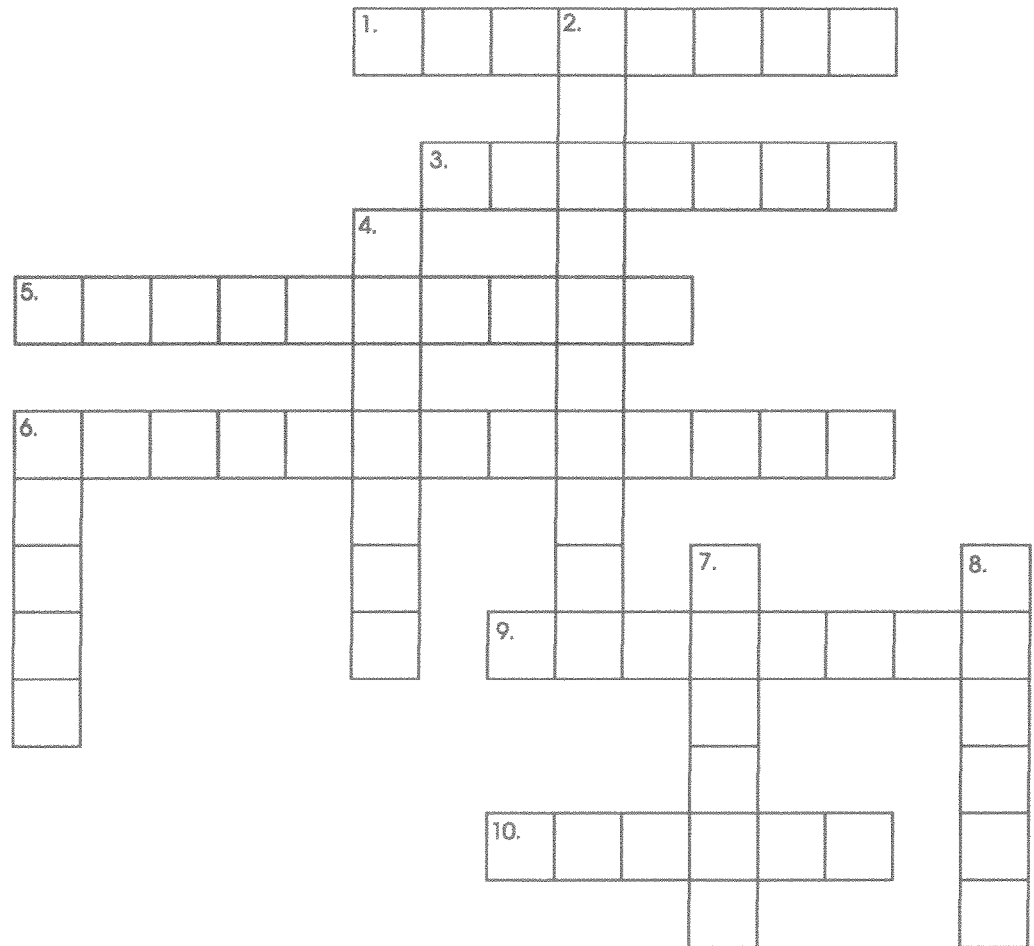


CHAPTER SEVEN: EVERY MAN JACK

Vocabulary: Use the words in the Word Box and the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.

WORD BOX

chaos
consternation
dismal
derision
domain
endure
gargantuan
implacable
implore
sinister
unkempt

**Across**

1. evil or harmful
3. plead with; beg
5. huge
6. feeling of anxiety or fear
9. scornful contempt
10. area of control or influence

Down

2. unable to be calmed or pacified
4. not neat or clean in appearance
6. state of complete confusion and disorder
7. dreary; miserable
8. put up with

Chapter Seven: Every Man Jack (cont.)

Read to find out what happened when Bod and the man Jack meet again.

Questions:

1. Why did Mrs. Owens fear for Bod?
2. Why was Scarlett's mother upset when she learned how her daughter met Mr. Frost?
3. Why had Scarlett experienced a feeling of *déjà vu* when she was in the graveyard?
4. How did Scarlett become reacquainted with Bod? What unusual powers did Scarlett seem to possess?
5. At the age of fourteen, what bothered Bod most about life among the dead?
6. Why did Scarlett visit the public library? What did she learn?
7. What surprising discovery did Bod make about Mr. Frost?
8. Why did the Jacks of All Trades want to kill Bod?
9. How had Silas, Miss Lupescu, and other members of the Honour Guard protected Bod from the Jacks?
10. How did Bod save himself from the remaining five Jacks?
11. Why did Silas take away some of the memories of Scarlett and her mother?
12. Why was the triumph over the Jacks a bittersweet experience for Bod?

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why do you think Scarlett possessed some powers that were only given to the living who had the Freedom of the Graveyard?
2. Do you agree with Nehemiah Trot that "revenge is a dish best served cold"?
3. What do you think the Sleer meant when it told Bod to "find your name"?
4. Do you think Bod deliberately used Scarlett as bait in a trap for Jack Frost? Did Jack deserve his fate?
5. Do you agree with Silas that people want to forget the impossible because it makes their world safer? How might this chapter ending have changed if Silas had not taken Scarlett's memories?

Chapter Seven: Every Man Jack (cont.)

Literary Device: Idioms

Underline the idiom in the following sentence and explain its meaning.

“Murders don’t get swept under the carpet.”

Why wasn’t there any attempt to solve the crime involving Bod’s family?

Literary Element: Climax

The climax in a novel is the moment of greatest interest or excitement. It is the point at which interest in the outcome is the highest. What do you think is the climax of *The Graveyard Book*?

Language Study: British versus American English

Speakers of British and American English share most words in common; however, some terms and expressions differ. Read the words in both lists below and draw a line from each British term on the left to the corresponding American term on the right. On the lines below, explain why author Neil Gaiman used British terminology in *The Graveyard Book*.

British Expressions

1. lorry
2. cuppa
3. estate agent
4. mum
5. popped out
6. macintosh
7. go spare

American Expressions

- a. raincoat
 - b. real estate agent
 - c. went out
 - d. get very upset
 - e. truck
 - f. mother
 - g. cup of tea
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Chapter Seven: Every Man Jack (cont.)

Art Connection: Rubbings

Mr. Frost is introduced as a local history buff who enjoys doing tombstone rubbings in the graveyard. Follow these directions to make your own rubbings of leaves, coins, or other small flat objects.

What you need:

small, flat objects

white paper (onion skin or light-weight duplicating paper)

masking tape

charcoal stick or wax crayons with the paper removed

colored construction paper

What you do:

1. Arrange the objects in a pleasing design on a sheet of paper.
2. Place another sheet over the objects and tape it in place around the edges.
3. Use the side of a crayon or charcoal stick to gently rub over the objects. They will appear like magic on the paper.
4. Mount your rubbing on a sheet of colored construction paper and display.

Writing Activity:

The author does not include a scene in which Silas confronts the final Jack who has fallen into the Carstairs deep grave. What do you think Silas will do? Will he erase Jack Ketch's memory, or will he take more drastic action to eliminate this sole survivor of the Jacks of All Trades? Write a scene describing this event.

Chapter Seven: Every Man Jack (cont.)

Graphic Organizer:

In Chapter Seven, we learn more about the members and the function of the Honour Guard. Do some research to find out more about vampires, werewolves, Assyrian mummies, and Islamic Ifrits. Then combine this information with that found in *The Graveyard Book* to help you complete this classification chart.

Name of Character	Type of Being	Powers and Characteristics
Silas		
Miss Lupescu		
Kandar		
Haroun		