

Prince Caspian

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A Reading Guide

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Reading Questions

The following reading questions will help you notice important aspects of your reading. The application questions will help you connect your reading to your own life.

Chapters 1-4

Chapter 1 - The Island

1. Where do the Pevensie children find themselves when they return to Narnia?
2. Though they don't know where they are, how do the children know what to do on the island?
3. What do they find at the end of the first chapter?

Chapter 2 - The Ancient Treasure House

4. What odd thing do the children notice about the ruins? Why do they feel so odd in this place?
5. What does Susan find? What color is it? Why might this be significant?
6. How does Susan feel about opening the ruined door? How does Peter feel about it?

7. Which of the gifts from Father Christmas is missing? How was it lost?

Chapter 3 - The Dwarf

8. How do the children rescue the dwarf?

9. What does the dwarf think the children are? Why does he think this?

10. Who is Prince Caspian?

Chapter 4 - The Dwarf Tells of Prince Caspian

11. What was Prince Caspian's favorite time of day? Why?

12. Why does Miraz hate stories of Old Narnia?

13. What astronomical event does Cornelius show Caspian? What else does Cornelius tell Caspian?

14. Why are the Telmarines afraid of the sea?

Chapters 5-8

Chapter 5 - Caspian's Adventure in the Mountains

15. Why must Caspian flee from the castle? How did Miraz come to power in Narnia?

16. What gift does Cornelius give Caspian before he flees?

17. What happens to Caspian when his horse panics in the forest?

18. Describe the character of Nikabrik, Trufflehunter, and Trumpkin.

Chapter 6 - The People That Lived in Hiding

19. Why would Nikabrik be willing to serve the White Witch? What does this tell us about his character?

20. How does Glenstorm interpret the conjunction of Tarva and Alambil? What counsel does Glenstorm give Caspian?

21. How would the trees' awakening be advantageous for the Narnians?

Chapter 7 - Old Narnia in Danger

22. How is Caspian's time outdoors helping him become more kingly?

23. What warning does Cornelius give Caspian? What advice does he give the king?

24. What causes Caspian to blow the horn? What does Trumpkin think of this?

Chapter 8 - How They Left the Island

25. Why does Trumpkin doubt that the children can help Caspian? How is he proven wrong?

26. What helps Edmund remember his fighting skill?

27. Despite his many doubts about the old tales of Narnia, what is the first thing Trumpkin believes in?

Chapters 9-11

Chapter 9 - What Lucy Saw

28. What does Lucy hear in the woods the first night she can't sleep?

29. How does Trumpkin know the bear he kills is not a Talking Bear?

30. What does Lucy see that no one else does? Who believes Lucy? Why is Lucy crying bitterly at the end of this chapter?

Chapter 10 - The Return of the Lion

31. Where does Peter's route lead them?

32. Why are the trees awake the second night Lucy walks in the woods alone? Why is Aslan bigger?

33. What should Lucy have done when no one listened to her before? What must she do now?

34. How does Aslan help Lucy do what she must do?

Chapter 11 – The Lion Roars

35. In what order do the others see Aslan? Why this order?
36. Why could Susan not see Aslan or even want to see him? How does Aslan deal with this problem?
37. What happens on Aslan's How after the kings and the dwarf go inside?
38. Who is the wild boy and the man on the donkey? Why are the queens glad Aslan is with them?

Chapters 12-15

Chapter 12 – Sorcery and Sudden Vengeance

39. What does Nikabrik propose to Caspian regarding the White Witch? Why does he propose this? How do we know this is an evil proposal?
40. What friends support Nikabrik? What happens to Caspian in the fight with Nikabrik and Company?

41. What does Peter say to Caspian about the purpose of his coming to Narnia?

Chapter 13 - The High King in Command

42. What plan do Edmund and Peter put in place to defeat Miraz? What month is it in Narnia (hint: look in Peter's letter to Miraz)?

43. How does Edmund appear to Glozelle and Sopespian? What deceitful plan do these two Telmarine lords concoct?

44. What ancient right do the Bulgy Bears claim? What does Peter say to their claim? What does this show us about Peter's character?

45. What does Reepicheep request of Peter? How does Peter deny this request without insulting Reepicheep?

Chapter 14 - How All Were Very Busy

46. What advantages does Peter have against Miraz? What advantages does Miraz have? What is Peter's strategy?

47. What does Peter do when Miraz slips and falls down? Why does he do this? What happens to Miraz?

48. How do the Narnians prevail against the much larger Telmarine army?

49. What are Susan, Lucy, and Aslan doing while Peter duels? From what things does Aslan (through Bacchus) set his people free?

50. What does Bacchus do to the old woman's well? Why is this significant? Who is this old woman?

Chapter 15 – Aslan Makes a Door in the Air

51. Which of Reepicheep's wounds can Lucy not heal? Why does Aslan eventually heal this wound?

52. How do the Narnians celebrate (with Bacchus' help) after defeating the Telmarines? What do the Trees eat?

53. What choice does Aslan give the Telmarines? What is the origin of the Telmarines?

54. What does Aslan tell Peter and Susan? How do they respond?

Application for *Prince Caspian*

Reread the Mars section of Lewis's poem "The Planets". Then answer these questions.

1. How does Lewis use this description of Mars to create the atmosphere of *Prince Caspian*?
2. What does Lewis teach us about Christ in this novel? How does he use the symbolism, attributes, and influences of Mars to teach these things? Remember that Mars is a warrior, but he is *under the authority of Jupiter*.
3. What are the two most important things you learned from reading this book? What must you do or think differently, now that you've read it?