

Vocabulary

Chapter 7

awe
hazy
appliqued

Chapter 8

relocate
mock
dismay

Reading Comprehension

Key Ideas and Details

- Why did Mama tell the girls to avoid strangers?
- Why did Mrs. Johansen ask the girls if they saw anyone while playing near the shore?
- What was the name of Uncle Henrik's boat and where did he get the name?
- What did Annemarie do with Ellen's necklace?
- Why is Annemarie so confused about the death of Great-Aunt Birte?
- Why is Annemarie so delighted to have oatmeal, milk, cream, and butter at breakfast?

Making Inferences

- Why are Mama and the girls visiting at the farm?
- Why is a funeral being held for a fake person?
- Why is there no laughter in the house between Mama and Uncle Henrik?
- Why do the adults keep referring to the term "good fishing"?
- What is the old custom when someone dies? What did the family have to do to prepare for the funeral?
- Uncle Henrik spend the whole night on his boat. What was he doing?

Critical Thinking Questions

- What does the sea represent for Ellen and her family?
- How did Annemarie make fun of the German soldiers?

Why is it ironic the kitten was named Thor?