



WATERSHIP DOWN

8TH GRADE ENGLISH

NOVEL STUDY

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A group of rabbits is shown in silhouette, sitting on a grassy hill and looking towards the horizon. The rabbits are of various sizes and are positioned in a line, with some in the foreground and others further back. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with a blue sky and some distant hills. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

NOVEL STUDY INSTRUCTIONS

- THIS BOOK IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS AND A TOTAL OF 50 CHAPTERS. THIS STUDY IS IN FOUR MODULES, AND DIVIDES IT FURTHER INTO THREE CHAPTER SEGMENTS DUE WEEKLY BY THE DATE GIVEN BEFORE EACH SECTION.
- THIS STUDY SHOULD BE DONE IN A NOTEBOOK DEDICATED TO THAT PURPOSE, AND EACH SECTION SHOULD BE IN ORDER. THERE WILL BE A GRADE FOR EACH SECTION, AND A GRADE FOR COMPLETION AT THE END OF THE SEMESTER.
- VOCAB SHOULD BE TAKEN FROM OXFORD LANGUAGES (GOOGLE DICTIONARY). THIS IS INDEPENDENT WORK. DO NOT COPY OTHER STUDENT'S ANSWERS. ANYONE CAUGHT CHEATING WILL RECEIVE A GRADE OF "0" FOR THE ASSIGNMENT, AND A 10% REDUCTION ON THEIR COMPLETION GRADE.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Richard Adams was born May 9, 1920, in Newbury, Berkshire, England. After earning a degree from Worcester College, Oxford, he married Barbara Elizabeth Acland on September 20, 1949, and they had two girls. Adams originally began telling the story of *Watership Down* to his daughters Juliet and Rosamund, during long car trips. His daughters were delighted with the tale and insisted that he write the book, which he did, taking two long years. It was turned down by thirteen major publishers, and Adams was discouraged. He was finally accepted by a small publisher that printed just two thousand copies. The book sold extremely well and was picked up by Penguin Books, which then sold over a million copies. It eventually won the Guardian Award and the Carnegie Medal.

CHARACTERS

Fiver, a young, small rabbit who has the gift of seeing the future



Fiver's brother Hazel, a calm and modest yearling



CHARACTERS

- + Bigwig is a large, powerfully built rabbit, originally a member of "Owsla"



General Woundwort, the only rabbit bigger and stronger than Bigwig



CHARACTERS

- ★ Captain Campion, Woundwort's best captain



- ★ Captain Holly, a good tracker and a strong fighter



CHARACTERS

- ✦ Blackberry, the smartest of the rabbits



Dandelion, the fastest of the rabbits



CHARACTERS

★ Pipkin, the smallest of the rabbits



Silver, a large rabbit with grey fur



CHARACTERS

- Buckthorn, a tough, sturdy rabbit with a quiet and easygoing nature



Hawkbit, described in the beginning as a "rather slow, stupid rabbit"

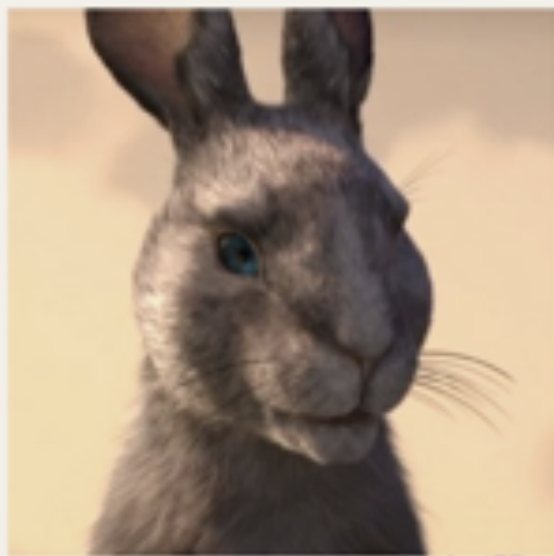


CHARACTERS

★ Strawberry, initially aloof and evasive



Bluebell is a compulsive joker



CHARACTERS

+ Kehaar, a helpful seagull





Module 1: THE JOURNEY

+ THIS SECTION CONTAINS 17 CHAPTERS AND
103 PAGES

CHAPTERS	DATE DUE
1-3	JANUARY 22
4-6	JANUARY 27
7-9	FEBRUARY 3
10-12	FEBRUARY 10
13-15	FEBRUARY 17
16-17	FEBRUARY 24

CHAPTER 1

vocabulary

- + Creosote
- + Culvert
- + Warren
- + Yearling
- + Buoyant
- + Decency
- + Oppressive



CHAPTER 1

questions

- + 1. Why is Fiver's name "Fiver"? Describe this character.
- + 2. Who is Hazel? Describe the character of Hazel.
- + 3. What did Fiver and Hazel see? Why is it dangerous?
- + 4. Why is Fiver nervous and scared?



CHAPTER 2

vocabulary

- + Statesman
- + Sensible
- + Myxomatosis
- + Emigration
- + Seldom
- + Dejected





CHAPTER 2

questions

- +1. Who are the Owsla?
- +2. What was the chief's response to Fiver's prediction?



CHAPTER 3

vocabulary

- + Trivial
- + Impulsive
- + Hoax



CHAPTER 3

questions

- + 1. Who plans to leave the warren after moonrise?
- + 2. Do you believe Fiver? Why or why not?
- + 3. Would you leave the warren? Why or why not?

CHAPTER 4

vocabulary

Punctuality

Imminent

mutiny



CHAPTER 4

questions



- + 1. Why would outskirtsers make up most of the rabbits leaving the warren?
- + 2. Who tries to stop them? Are they successful?
- + 3. What do you think the band of rabbits is feeling as they leave?

The background features a stylized illustration. On the left, a brown rabbit is shown in profile, looking towards the right. Behind it is a large, golden-yellow fox face with multiple eyes. On the right side, there is a stylized fox head with a prominent, spiky mane in shades of brown and orange. The overall style is graphic and colorful, with a focus on warm tones.

CHAPTER 5

vocabulary

+Companion

+Weary

+Desolate



CHAPTER 5

questions

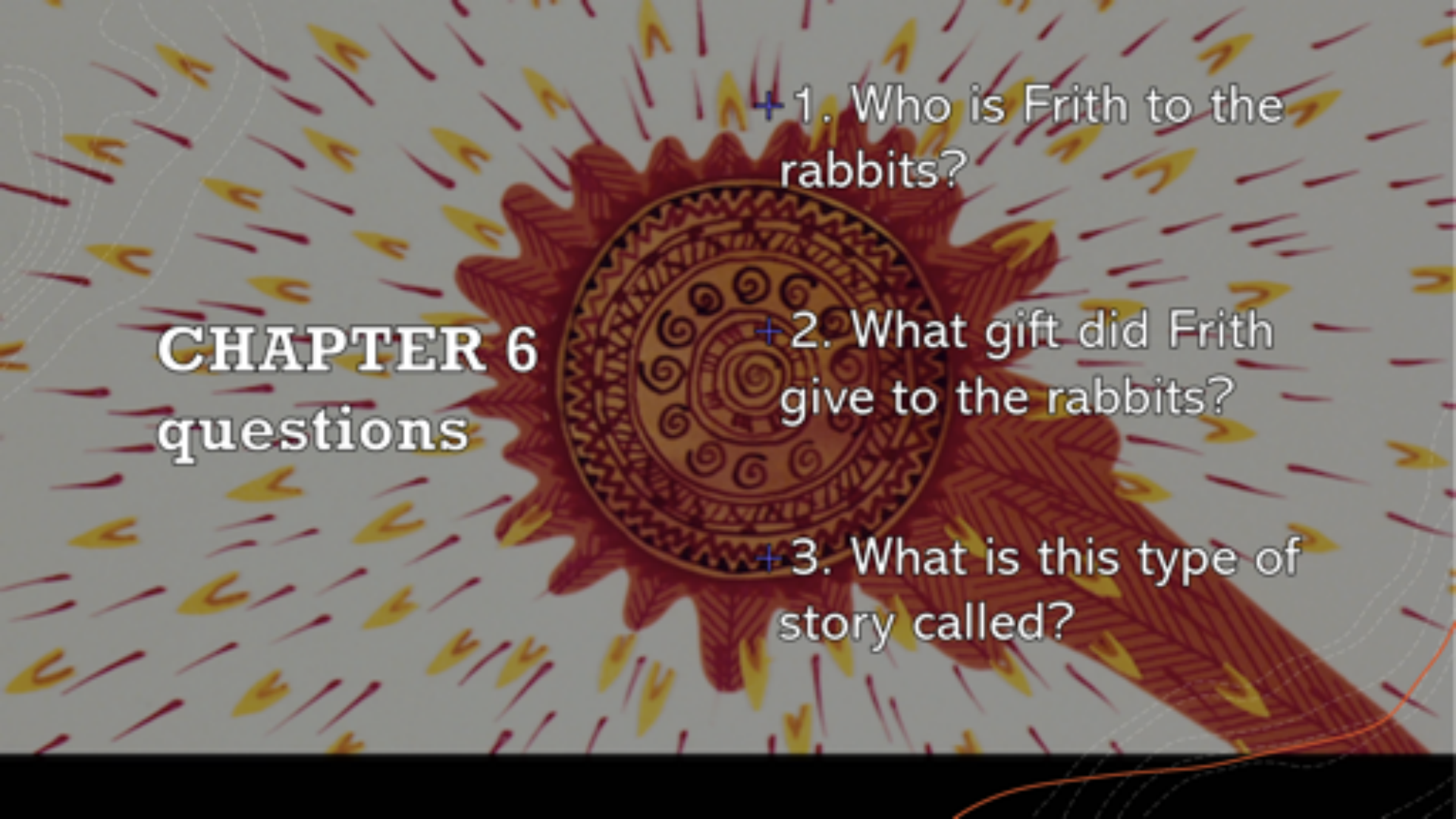
- +1. Who is El-ahrairah?
- +2. Why does Dandelion compare Hazel to him?



CHAPTER 6

vocabulary

- +Appreciatively
- +Responsive



CHAPTER 6
questions

+ 1. Who is Frith to the rabbits?

+ 2. What gift did Frith give to the rabbits?

+ 3. What is this type of story called?

CHAPTER 7

Vocab & Questions



Windward



Perplexity



Wily



1. How does Hazel restore Bigwig's assurance?



CHAPTER 8

Vocab & Questions



evidently



grudgingly



wryly



agitated

?

1. What type of place would make Hazel and Fiver's journey worthwhile?

?

2. How do the rabbits get across the river?

?

3. Whose idea was it to float the wood?

?

4. Did the others understand the concept of floating? Why or why not?



CHAPTER 9

Vocab & Questions



coax



ubiquitous

?

1. Where did the rabbits stop to rest?

?

2. What was in Pipkin's paw?



WATERSHIP DOWN

Checkpoint Prompt

- Write a well constructed, three to five paragraph personal narrative of the events thus far. Write from the perspective of a rabbit in the group.



CHAPTER 10

Vocab & Questions



Inaudible



deceive



expression



1. Read the quote from John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*. Predict what will happen.



2. What is the mist?



My other
ride is a
Hrududu!

CHAPTER 11

Vocab & Questions



crouch



hollow



clambering



refrain



bedraggled



1. Does Hazel know where he is taking the group? How do you know?



2. What might happen next?



CHAPTER 12

Vocab & Questions



intermittent



solitary



indolence



melancholy

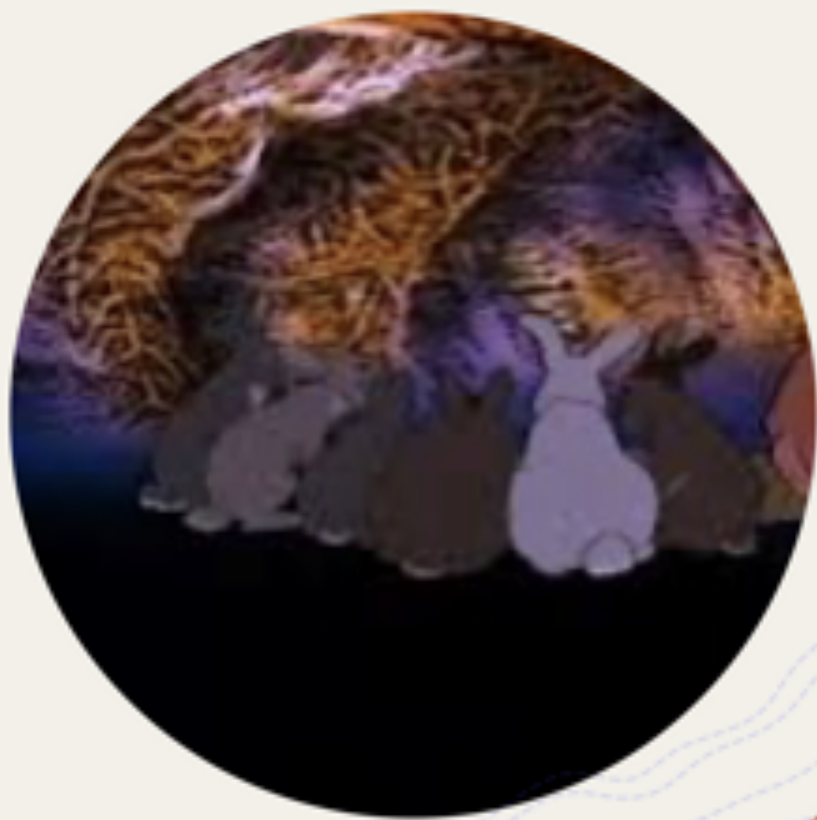


1. Do you trust Cowslip? Why or why not?



Checkpoint Essay

In this section, Fiver's group has come into contact with Cowslip's warren. The farmer mysteriously leaves lots of delicious food for their warren. Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president of the United States famously said "Nothing worth having comes easy." Write a three to five paragraph essay explaining what he meant, and how this relates to our story.





hospitality



reciprocal



conspicuous

CHAPTER 13

Vocab & Questions

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1. How do the rabbits communicate?

?

2. What do you think the rabbits are hiding?

?

3. Why do you think Strawberry interrupts Hazel every time he begins a question with "Where"?



Chapter 14 vocabulary

- + Acquainted
- + Bewilder
- + Iridescent
- + Pungent
- + Redolent
- + Convenient
- + gregarious



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Chapter 14 questions

- + 1. What does Pipkin mean when he compares the rabbits to trees in November? Is it a metaphor or a simile?
- + 2. Why are the rabbits not interested and uncomfortable about hearing the story of their journey?





Chapter 16

vocab & question

- + Adroit
- + Indignantly
- + Dignity
- + Incredulous
- + Inconspicuous
- + antagonize


Question:

1. What is the poem about?



Checkpoint Writing Prompt

- + There are many references to mythology in *Watership Down* based in the rabbit's beliefs in El-ahrairah and Frith. In three to five paragraphs, describe a mythic story from your culture (or another mythology such as Greek, Roman, or Norse for example).



Chapter 17 Vocabulary

+Impiety

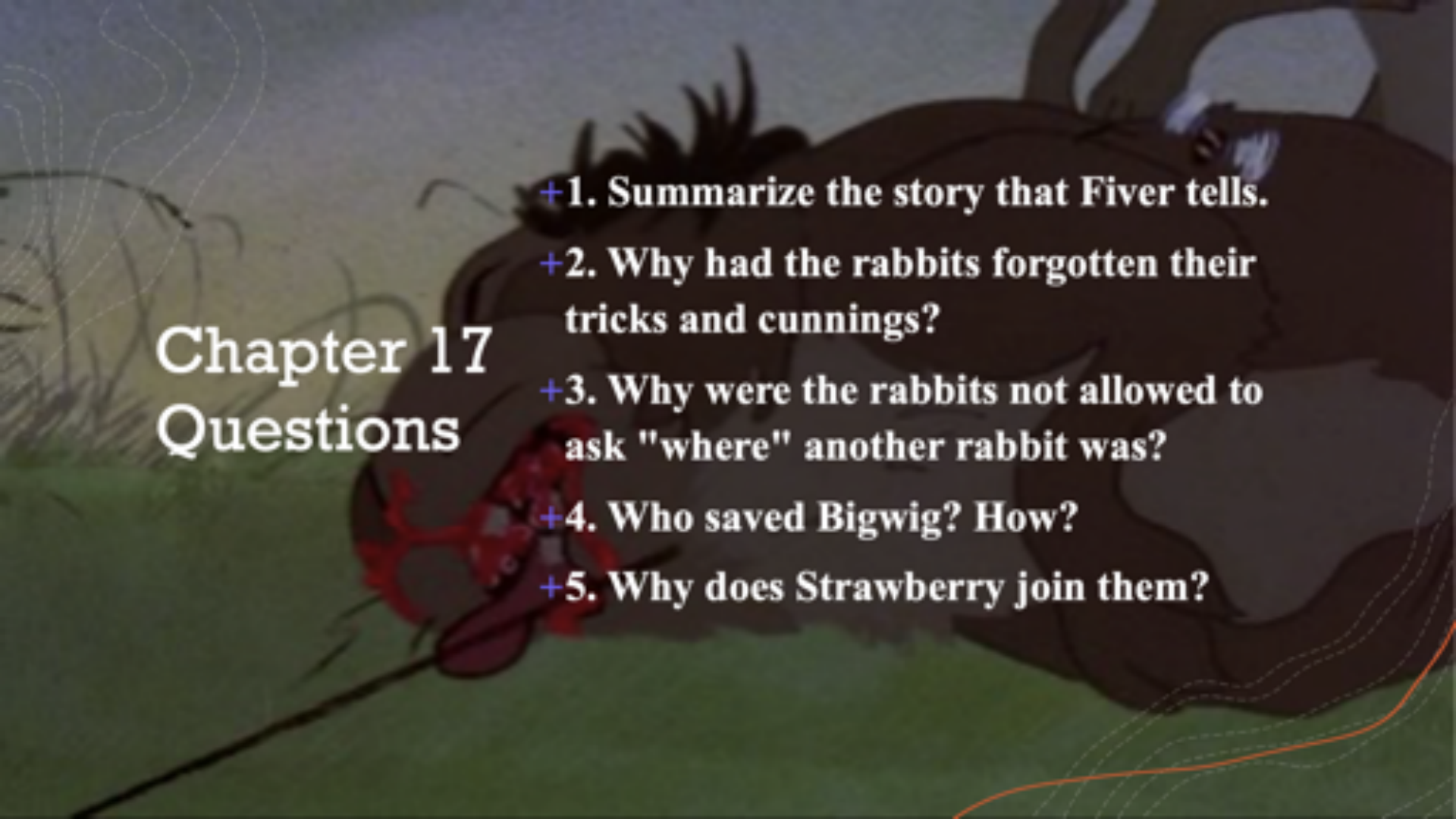
+Tumult

+Acquiescence

+Intolerable

+Blunders

+deceive

The background features a stylized illustration of a rabbit in a field. The rabbit is depicted in dark, muted colors, possibly brown or grey, with some highlights. It is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the frame. In the foreground, there is a large, vibrant red flower with several petals, on a dark stem. The overall scene is set against a light, hazy background with some faint, wispy lines suggesting a field or sky. The text is overlaid on this illustration.

Chapter 17 Questions

- +1. Summarize the story that Fiver tells.
- +2. Why had the rabbits forgotten their tricks and cunningings?
- +3. Why were the rabbits not allowed to ask "where" another rabbit was?
- +4. Who saved Bigwig? How?
- +5. Why does Strawberry join them?