I ESCAPED HAUNTED WINCHESTER HOUSE
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STUDY GUIDE

NAME_____

CAUSE AND EFFECT

Cause: Jesse argues with his father.

Effect:_____

Cause: Pete mocks Jesse.

Effect: _____

Cause:_____

Effect. Sniffer hides under the bed.

Cause: _____

Effect: Jesse is determined to take photos inside Winchester House.

Character Match Up

A. Jesse
B. Pete
C. Emma
D. Sarah Winchester
E. GL
F. Clyde

_____I was the main character's girl cousin.

_____I was the main character in the book.

_____ I was the nephew of the main character and his cousin.

_____I was a ghost who used to be a handyman

_____I was the main character's older brother.

VISUALIZATION

Draw a picture of one of the following:

- Winchester House
- a stained-glass window in Winchester House
- a room in Winchester House
- a stairway in Winchester House

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

There is a spooky house in your neighborhood. What would you do?

You are in a spooky house, and you think you see a ghost. What would you do?

You are asked to help the patients and doctors of the asylum damaged in an earthquake, but your nephew is missing. Who would you do?

MAKING INFERENCES

Pete grinned like a cat with a canary. His white teeth flashed in his suntanned face. Not the type of guy to miss an opportunity, he muttered, “Loser!”

What sort of guy is Pete?

Dad treasured that rifle because Gramps helped design it. Jesse had been told a million times how famous it was—The Gun That Won the West. Dad thought it was a supreme honor when he allowed Pete and Jesse to go shooting with it

What did Jesse’s father feel about the Winchester repeating rifle?

Winchester House was a very strange place and Sarah Winchester, the woman who owned it, was weird. Dad said she believed the House was haunted by the spirits of those killed by Winchester repeating rifles. And she feared they wanted to kill her too.

Why was Sarah Winchester afraid?

Sniffer sniffed the air and the road with his big, wet nose. Within seconds, he made a beeline for the plum tree where GL was hiding.
GL giggled with delight. “Good dog, Sniffer!”
Emma beamed. “How did you train him to do that? It’s amazing.”

What trick did Sniffer do? Was he good at doing it?

Part 5: Synonyms - Read the sentence. List a synonym for highlighted word.

1. In front of Jesse, spooky Winchester Mystery House **loomed.** _____

2. “Have you heard the bells in the Bell Tower **ringing** at midnight and 2 am?” Emma said.
_____

3. Emma **grabbed** his arm. _____

4. Yeah, a basement with a spirit or two would be **ghastly.** _____

5. “The Winchesters were very **rich,”** Jesse said. _____

Comprehension Questions

1. What was Jesse going to do?
a. He was going to beat up Pete.
b. He was going to sneak into Winchester House.
c. He was going for a midnight swim**.**
d. He was taking Sniffer for a walk.

2. Why did Jesse want to become a photojournalist?
a. He wanted to get out of the house.
b. He thought it would be an exciting career.
c. He was copying Pete.
d. His father was a photojournalist.

3. What were the spirits angry about?
a. The spirits didn't like Winchester House.
b. The spirits hated each other.
c. The spirits were angry the Winchester repeating rifle killed them.
d. The spirits didn't like Jesse.

4. Where does the story take place?
a. San Jose, California
b. San Francisco, California
c. Suisin Marsh, California
d. England

5. What happened to the Great Asylum for the Insane.
a. It was haunted by spirits.
b. It was destroyed in an earthquake.
c. It was destroyed by the patients.
d. It won an award for excellence.

Chapter 1:
Why is Jesse scared?

Chapter 2:
Why was Jesse angry with Pete?

Chapter 3:
What type of phone does Jesse have?

Chapter 4:
Why does Jesse want his dad's Kodak Brownie?

Chapter 5:
Why were the animals and birds fleeing?

Chapter 6:
Who rang the Bell Tower bells?

Chapter 7:
What was strange about the stairway?

Chapter 8:
Why did Emma accuse Jesse of telling the spirit where they were?

Chapter 9:
What connection did Jesse's grandfather have to the Winchester repeating rifle?

Chapter 10:
What is a Ouija Board?

Chapter 11:
Why was Jesse furious with Pete?

Chapter 12
How did Matthew die?

Chapter 13
Was there a real handyman in the garden?

Chapter 14:
What was the problem with the secret door?

Chapter 15:
Why was the earth shaking and moving?

Chapter 16:
Was GL eaten by wolves?

Chapter 17:
How did Jesse get back inside the House?

Chapter 18:
Why was Pete on the balcony?

Chapter 19
Why did Jesse's dad give Jesse the Kodak Brownie Camera?

ANSWER TO BOOK COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. He was going to sneak into Winchester House.
2. He thought it would be an exciting career.
3. The spirits were angry because the rifle killed them.
4. San Jose California.
5. It was destroyed in an earthquake.
6. Jesse was scared there was a spirit.
7. Jesse was angry because Pete bullied and mocked him.
8. The phone was an old-fashioned handheld phone.
9. Jesse wanted to take photos inside Winchester House.
10. The birds and animals may have sensed the coming earthquake.
11. Sarah Winchester rang the Belltower bells.
12. The stairs went up and then turned and went down.
13. Jesse shouted at the spirit.
14. Jesse's grandfather worked on designing and building the rifle.
15. An Ouija board is a board with a small triangle and letters of the alphabet. It is used to try and contact spirits.
16. Pete tricked and made a fool of Jesse and then said he was going to tell all their friends.
17. Matthew was killed in a battle with Indians.
18. The handyman was in the garden and was killed by the earthquake. Then his ghost appeared.
19. It opened into space and a big drop to the garden.
20. The earth moved in the earthquake.
21. No.
22. He climbed up the tree and the drainpipe.
23. He was looking for Jesse.
24. He thought he was a good photographer.