

Sunken Forest Part 1: Chapter 1

WALT: Make inferences using prior knowledge and text examples.

WALT: Summarise what we read in our own words

Your task: Answer the questions below using the short answer response format. Reread the extracts of text, where provided, to help you and highlight the information from the text that supports your thinking.

“Matt said goodbye and took a few steps toward school.

“Taihoa!” she said. “I must reward you in some way.”

1. What does taihoa mean? Why might Matt have been unsure about going in any further? Would you have been unsure in the same situation?

“Although he couldn't imagine this woman wanting something not nice from him, accepting her money would have been the same as peeing on her floor. “

2. Why did Matt think taking the old lady's money would be the same as peeing on her floor?
3. What did the lady offer Matt instead of money? Do you think it was a fair reward?

“All right,” said Matt, and by uttering those two words, Matthew Smith took that third step which toppled him past the point of no return.

4. What does the point of no return mean?