

Stone Fox: Chapter One

1. Why did little Willy think Grandfather was playing?

2. Describe Willy and Grandfather's home.

3. Who is Searchlight?

4. Why is Little Willy living with his grandfather?

5. What year do you think this story is happening?
What clues in the story made you pick that year?

6. Were you surprised to learn that Doc Smith is a woman? Why or why not?

7. Why doesn't Doc Smith answer Little Willy's questions?

8. What do you think is making Grandfather not want to live?

Stone Fox: Chapter Two

1. Why does Searchlight growl at the doctor?

2. What does the doctor think Little Willy should do?

3. Why does little Willy think it will all be better after the harvest?
How long does it take for potatoes to grow?

4. What will happen to Little Willy if Grandfather doesn't get well?

5. How do Grandfather and Willy communicate?

5. What does little Willy have to do to get ready for harvest?

6. How has little Willy paid for groceries since Grandfather's been sick?

7. Grandfather says, "Don't accept help unless you can pay for it, especially from friends." Do you agree with this advice? Why or why not?

8. How does Willy harvest the crop?

9. The successful harvest doesn't change Grandfather. What could the problem be?

Stone Fox: Chapter Three

1. How did Little Willy prepare for winter? How does he know what to do?

2. How does Grandfather feel about questions?

3. Describe Searchlight. Include details about how she looks and acts.

4. Why do you think school doesn't start till October there?

5. How does Willy get to school?

5. What does Willy want to do when he grows up?
What does Grandfather want him to do when he grows up?

6. Grandfather doesn't have much respect for people from the city.
What details from the story tell you that?

7. Why do Willy and Searchlight wait under the clock?

8. How do Willy and Searchlight feel about each other? How do you know?

9. The author describes Willy and Searchlight's race as "*A race against time. A race against themselves. A race they always won.*" What does this mean?

Stone Fox: Chapter Four

1. How does Searchlight react to the visitor? Why does she act this way?

2. Why does the man make Searchlight wait outside?

3. Who is the owner of the horse tied up in front of the house?
Why is he visiting Grandfather?

4. Where are the letters from the government?

5. How long has it been since Grandfather paid the taxes?
How much do they owe?

6. What will happen if they don't pay the taxes?

Stone Fox: Chapter Five

1. What does Willy think will happen if he gets the \$500 tax money?
What do you think and why?

2. What does Willy want from the bank?

3. What does the bank president advise little Willy to do?

4. What does Grandfather want Willy to do?

5. What's a Samoyed?

6. How is Willy going to try to get the tax money?

Stone Fox: Chapter Six

1. Why does Willy need his college fund money?

2. The bank president doesn't want to give Willy the money. Why?

3. Does Mr. Foster and Mayor Smiley think that Willy can win? Why?

4. What makes Willy think he can win?

5. Describe Stone Fox.

6. Why does Stone Fox refuse to speak to white men?

7. Why are only nine sleds entered in the race?

8. Who do you think deserves to win the race – Willy or Stone Fox? Why?

Stone Fox: Chapter Seven

1. Why doesn't Willy ask to have some of the doctor's cake?

2. What makes Willy stop at the old barn?

3. Why do you think Stone Fox and his dogs are there?

4. Why does Stone Fox hit Willy? Do you think he had the right to do that?

5. What do you think will happen tomorrow? Why do you think that?

6. Doc Smith says she thinks Willy is a "darn fool" even though she is rooting for him. Have you ever had mixed feelings like this? Explain.

7. Do you think Stone Fox cares about Willy's troubles? Give reasons to explain.

Stone Fox: Chapter Eight

1. Why does Willy try to hide his black eye from Grandfather?

2. What is Willy thinking about as he leaves the house that day?

3. "Not one red cent had been bet on little Willy and Searchlight."
Why? Who does everybody think will win this race?

4. Make a prediction... Do you think Willy will win the race? Why or why not?

Stone Fox: Chapter Nine

1. Who is in the lead at the end of the first page?

2. Why does Stone Fox start the race off so slowly?

3. There are some advantages to having only one dog.
How does that help Willy?

4. What would be some disadvantages of having only one dog?

5. What does Willy see when he goes by his own house?

6. Willy takes a shortcut across the ice. Is this fair? Why or why not?

7. Who is winning at the end of the chapter?

Stone Fox: Chapter Ten

1. Oh no! What happens 100 feet from the finish line?

2. Why do you think Stone Fox stops, instead of going right past?

3. Why don't any of the townspeople come out to help?

4. What causes Stone Fox to speak for the first time?

5. Why do you think Stone Fox gave up \$500.00 for Willy?

Stone Fox – End of Book Questions

1. What do you think the author's purpose is for writing Stone Fox?

2. What is the genre (type of book)?
