

The Great Rat Hunt (page 106)

Selection Test

A. In the chart below, list the three main characteristics of memoirs. Then write a sentence or detail from the selection that is an example of each characteristic. (8 points each)

Characteristics of Memoirs	Examples from "The Great Rat Hunt"
1.	
2.	
3.	

B. Write the letter of the best answer. This exercise is continued on the next page. (5 points each)

- _____ 1. The traps that Father set did not work because they were
- meant for mice.
 - poorly designed.
 - broken.
 - not set correctly.
- _____ 2. The narrator rationalizes killing the rat by comparing it to a
- chicken.
 - rabbit.
 - deer.
 - cockroach.
- _____ 3. The narrator realizes that, to his father, success in sports is
- a good way to earn a living.
 - a way to belong to a community.
 - a way to intimidate strangers.
 - a sign of a strong and healthy body.

- _____ 4. The father runs away from the rat because he
- a. cannot get his gun to fire.
 - b. is upset with his son.
 - c. thinks the rat has rabies.
 - d. cannot bring himself to kill it.

C. Words to Know. Write the letter of the best answer. (4 points each)

- _____ 1. Something that is in perpetual motion moves
- a. without stopping.
 - b. suddenly.
 - c. slowly.
- _____ 2. An improvised plan would be put together in
- a. silence.
 - b. haste.
 - c. secrecy.
- _____ 3. The ravage of a storm refers to
- a. wind speed.
 - b. destruction.
 - c. direction.
- _____ 4. Someone who speaks brusquely might be considered
- a. fearful.
 - b. gracious.
 - c. rude.
- _____ 5. In a city, a barricade would most likely be used to
- a. block a street.
 - b. support a bridge.
 - c. make money.

D. Answer one of the following questions based on your understanding of the story.

Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper. (20 points)

1. How does Laurence Yep's relationship with his father change during the story? Give examples to support your answer.
2. Do you think Laurence Yep's father was a "good father" to him? Give examples from the story to support your opinion.

E. Linking Literature to Life. Answer the following question based on your own experience and knowledge. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper. (16 points)

Think about a time when you felt like an outsider. What makes some people "insiders" and some people "outsiders"? Do you think it is better to be an insider or an outsider? Explain your answer.