

Joan's Quest Study Guide

Chapter 1-

1. What class was Joan in that she did not enjoy?

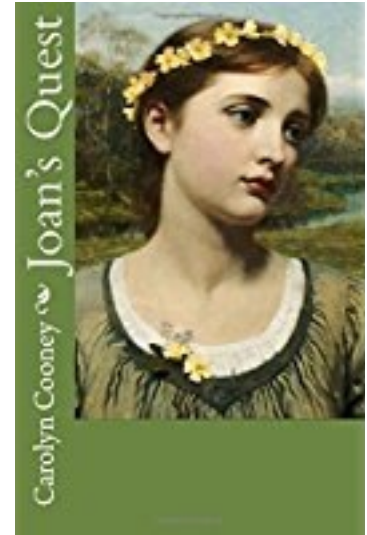
2. What did John and James do to help Joan and Princess Lydia escape from class?

3. What did Captain Kowalski and Watchman Sebastian see that concerned them?

Chapter 2-

1. Who are the Barbarians that attacked the castle? (What are they called?)

2. What AMBUSH did Sir Kowalski have set up when the Tartars broke down the gate?



Chapter 3-

1. What did the knights do in place of the broken gate?

2. What did the boys do that scared a Tartar soldier?

3. What did Joan and Lydia do to celebrate their knights' victory?

Chapter 4-

1. What actually bothered Prince Luke?

2. What did the twins do to the apple man? Was he a good sport about the prank or did he get angry at them?

3. What was the bad news that Joan's family received?

4. What was the church called that Joan and everyone went to?

5. Why do you think Joan didn't want to go to Princess Lydia's tea party?

6. What sort of tricks were Joan's brothers good at?

7. What three things did the author say "flowed into Joan's heart"? What did she realize?

Chapter 5-

1. What kind of act did Joan's brothers do at the fair? Did it go as planned?

2. What did the children race to see after the boys' act?

3. Who told a story at the fair that had the King, Queen and everyone laughing?

Chapter 6-

1. After Joan broke up the boys' fighting, what game did she suggest playing?

2. What did the boys find when they were hiding in the bushes?

3. Why did they run out suddenly? (What did they not want to miss?)

Chapter 7-

1. Who had his house and farm burned by the Tartars?

2. What happened to King Damien's messenger, Andrew?

3. What did Paul's sister Claire long for? How about his sister Therese?

4. Who quit her teaching job and shocked Joan and Princess Lydia?

Chapter 8-

1. Joan gave a great solution for several problems the King had. What was it? Who could be his new messenger?

2. Who would teach the girls their lessons?

3. Why did Joan begin crying after speaking with King Damien?

4. What did Paul say that he would do, after speaking with Joan, which made her so happy?

Chapter 9-

1. Look up “staunchness” in the dictionary. What does that mean?

2. What did Therese teach the girls, that Joan ended up being very good at?

3. What did Joan do with her artwork she made in school (lessons) that day?

4. What did Joan promise her mother?

Chapter 10-

1. Who understood how Joan was feeling, about missing her father? Why did she understand?

2. Who did the twins make cry? Did they apologize and make up with him?

3. What did the boys show the other children?

Chapter 11-

1. What did King Damien ask messenger Paul to ride through?

2. What did Paul receive before he left on his mission?

3. In the woods, Paul heard a murmuring voice. What was the voice doing?

4. Who was the prisoner that Paul discovered?

Chapter 12-

1. What “built Joan’s personality” that seemed to spread to everyone else (pg.88) ?

2. What did Joan use to cross the castle moat?

Chapter 13-

1. What did Princess Lydia NOT have on Thursdays?

2. Who came up with a plan to rescue Joan's father?

3. Who did King Damien say he would send with Paul?

4. Who wanted to go on the quest, but wasn't allowed?

Chapter 14-

1. Did Joan go with Sebastian and Paul and the boys?

2. What did she do when she saw them ride off into the forest?

3. What did Joan's mother teach Joan about keeping a promise versus being obedient?
Which is more important?

4. What did her mother remind Joan to do for her brothers and her father?

5. Did Paul grant mercy (freedom and life) to the thief in the forest? On what conditions?

6. What did Paul tell all the boys to do just as they were entering “the most dangerous” part of their quest?

Chapter 15-

1. What did the twin boys tease the Tartars about?

2. Who came to help Paul, Sebastian and the boys escape from the Tartars?

3. The author uses an excellent simile on page 113. (A simile is when you use “like” or “as” to compare something.) She uses it to describe how John clutched the key. What was that simile?

Chapter 16-

1. What did everyone do to celebrate on the night of Sit Kowalski's return?

2. Who came to attack the castle?

Chapter 17-

1. When they won the battle, the king called forth Paul and offered him anything he wanted. What did Joan, John, and James think he would ask for?

What did he actually ask for?

2. What did the King decide to grant the boys for their courage?

Chapter 18-

1. What did Joan's father, Sir Kowalski, tell Joan "saved him more than anything else"?

2. What was your favorite part of this book? Why?

Joan's Quest Study Guide Answers

Chapter 1-

1. What class was Joan in that she did not enjoy?

Sewing class

2. What did John and James do to help Joan and Princess Lydia escape from class?

They covered themselves in mud to scare Miss Brunnildha, the sewing teacher.

3. What did Captain Kowalski and Watchman Sebastian see that concerned them?

Tartars (barbarians)

Chapter 2-

1. Who are the Barbarians that attacked the castle? (What are they called?)

Tartars

2. What AMBUSH did Sir Kowalski have set up when the Tartars broke down the gate?

He ordered some knights to hide by the gate. They shot the Tartars when the barbarians broke the gate.

Chapter 3-

1. What did the knights do in place of the broken gate?

They formed a human wall.

2. What did the boys do that scared a Tartar soldier?

The boys dressed up as ghosts.

3. What did Joan and Lydia do to celebrate their knights' victory?

Joan and Lydia threw bits of ribbon from the highest tower.

Chapter 4-

1. What actually bothered Prince Luke?

His pride

2. What did the twins do to the apple man? Was he a good sport about the prank or did he get angry at them?

They tripped him with a string so that his apples fell from his cart. The apple man was a good sport.

3. What was the bad news that Joan's family received?

No one had seen Joan's father since the battle with the Tartars.

4. What was the church called that Joan and everyone went to?

Saint Mary

5. Why do you think Joan didn't want to go to Princess Lydia's tea party?

She felt sad about her father's disappearance and didn't feel brave enough to face other girls who might ask about him.

6. What sort of tricks were Joan's brothers good at?

They were good at cartwheels and walking on their hands.

7. What three things did the author say "flowed into Joan's heart"? What did she realize?

Staunchness, courage, and determination flowed into Joan's heart. She realized that her mother needed her because she didn't have the strength and bravery that Joan had.

Chapter 5-

1. What kind of act did Joan's brothers do at the fair? Did it go as planned?

Joan's brothers put on a clown show, which did not go as planned.

2. What did the children race to see after the boys' act?

They went to see the horse race.

3. Who told a story at the fair that had the King, Queen and everyone laughing?

The twins told a funny story.

Chapter 6-

1. After Joan broke up the boys' fighting, what game did she suggest playing?

She suggested playing hide-and-seek.

2. What did the boys find when they were hiding in the bushes?

They boys found an opening in the castle wall.

3. Why did they run out suddenly? (What did they not want to miss?)

They didn't want to miss supper.

Chapter 7-

1. Who had his house and farm burned by the Tartars?

Paul

2. What happened to King Damien's messenger, Andrew?

He was killed by thieves.

3. What did Paul's sister Claire long for? How about his sister Therese?

Claire longed for a real friend. Therese wanted to be a teacher.

4. Who quit her teaching job and shocked Joan and Princess Lydia?

Miss Brunnilda.

Chapter 8-

1. Joan gave a great solution for several problems the King had. What was it? Who could be his new messenger?

Joan suggested that the Pellowskis live at the castle and that Paul be the new messenger.

2. Who would teach the girls their lessons?

Therese

3. Why did Joan begin crying after speaking with King Damien?

She wished she had a father like Princess Lydia.

4. What did Paul say that he would do, after speaking with Joan, which made her so happy?

He promised to look for her father and ask the people if they had heard anything about him as he travelled the country.

Chapter 9-

1. Look up "staunchness" in the dictionary. What does that mean?

To be determined despite hardship

2. What did Therese teach the girls, that Joan ended up being very good at?

Embroidery

3. What did Joan do with her artwork she made in school (lessons) that day?

She gave it to her mother.

4. What did Joan promise her mother?

She promised that she would find her father.

Chapter 10-

**1. Who understood how Joan was feeling, about missing her father?
Why did she understand?**

Claire understood because her own father had died in the plague.

2. Who did the twins make cry? Did they apologize and make up with him?

The twins made Luke cry. They apologized.

3. What did the boys show the other children?

The boys showed the other children the hidden passageway.

Chapter 11-

1. What did King Damien ask messenger Paul to ride through?

The Perilous Woods

2. What did Paul receive before he left on his mission?

Paul received a blessing from the priest.

3. In the woods, Paul heard a murmuring voice. What was the voice doing?

The voice was praying the rosary.

4. Who was the prisoner that Paul discovered?

Sir Joseph Kowalski

Chapter 12-

1. What “built Joan’s personality” that seemed to spread to everyone else (pg. 88)?

Joan’s faith and persistence built Joan’s personality.

2. What did Joan use to cross the castle moat?

Joan used a rowboat.

Chapter 13-

1. What did Princess Lydia NOT have on Thursdays?

Princess Lydia did not have manners class.

2. Who came up with a plan to rescue Joan’s father?

Paul came up with a plan.

3. Who did King Damien say he would send with Paul?

King Damien sent Sebastian and the Kowalski boys.

4. Who wanted to go on the quest, but wasn’t allowed?

Joan

Chapter 14-

1. Did Joan go with Sebastian and Paul and the boys?

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2. What did she do when she saw them ride off into the forest?

Joan prayed the rosary.

3. What did Joan's mother teach Joan about keeping a promise versus being obedient? Which is more important?

Joan's mother taught Joan that obedience was more important.

4. What did her mother remind Joan to do for her brothers and her father?

She reminded Joan to pray for them.

5. Did Paul grant mercy (freedom and life) to the thief in the forest? On what conditions?

Paul granted mercy on the condition that the thief return his steed and no longer hinder the people who travelled through the forest.

6. What did Paul tell all the boys to do just as they were entering "the most dangerous" part of their quest?

He told the boys to pray to the Blessed Mother.

Chapter 15-

1. What did the twin boys tease the Tartars about?

The twins teased the Tartars about the Huns.

2. Who came to help Paul, Sebastian and the boys escape from the Tartars?

The bandits came to help.

3. The author uses an excellent simile on page 113. (A simile is when you use “like” or “as” to compare something.) She uses it to describe how John clutched the key. What was that simile?

“as if it contained his life”

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They had a feast.

2. Who came to attack the castle?

The Tartars

Chapter 17-

1. When they won the battle, the king called forth Paul and offered him anything he wanted. What did Joan, John, and James think he would ask for?

They thought Paul would ask to be knighted.

What did he actually ask for?

Paul asked permission to become a priest.

2. What did the King decide to grant the boys for their courage?

A horse.

Chapter 18-

1. What did Joan's father, Sir Kowalski, tell Joan "saved him more than anything else"?

Joan's faith saved him more than anything else.

2. What was your favorite part of this book? Why?