

SABRYNA and the River Spirit

The Extreme Earth Collection

Guided Reading Questions



During and After Reading Each Chapter

- Three active listening tasks and questions are provided for display while a section is being read. These give focus to what children are looking out for or locating at the same time as listening to the story.
- Five questions are provided for after each section has been read. These may be just for discussion or answered on whiteboards, verbally or as short assessment of understanding.



One



To think about while reading:

- 1) What do we know about Sabryna's family?
- 2) What do you think Sabryna's role is within her family? How is this different from you and your family?
- 3) Who is Dia?

One

After reading the chapter:

- 1) Why are the farmers not worried about the low river?
- 2) *'Sabryna bowed her head to disguise her gaze as the merchants' daughters bustled past in their jewel-bright gowns, showing off the latest fashions.'*
How do you think Sabryna felt here?
- 3) What is a 'beakling'?
- 4) Why do you think the author describes Dia's hair as bubbling 'like river rapids'?
- 5) What do you predict Sabryna will do in the next chapter?



Two



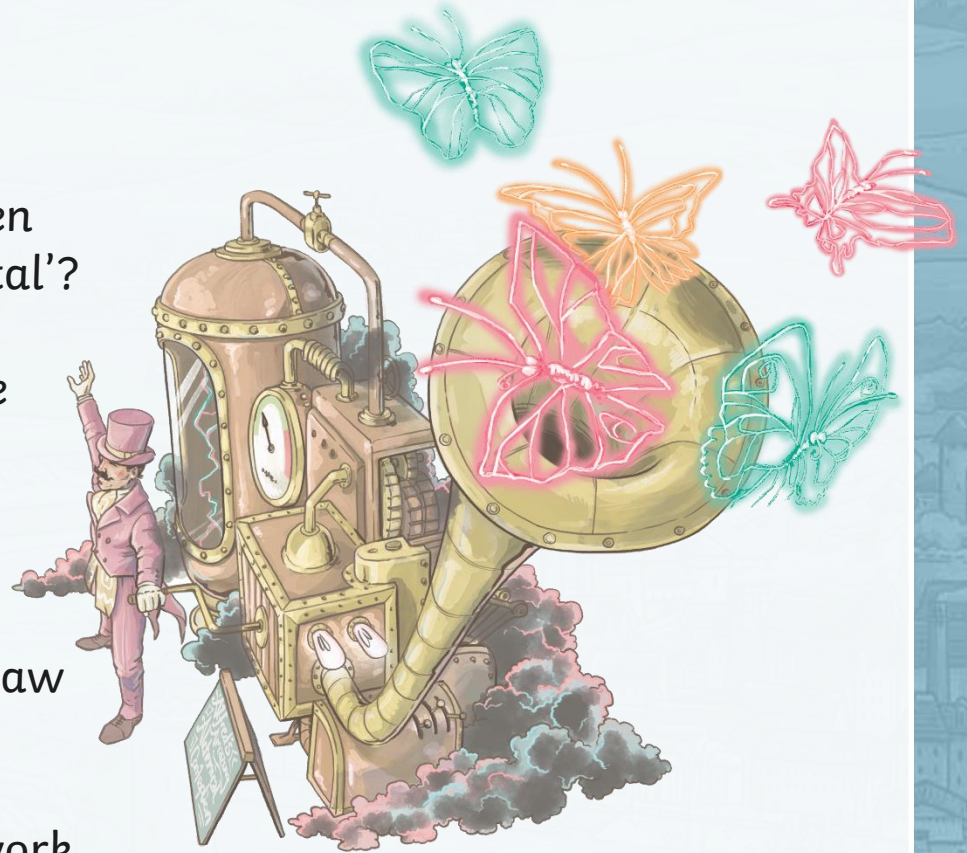
To think about while reading:

- 1) Who did Sabryna meet on her journey?
- 2) Do you think that people will believe Sabryna's message?
- 3) What evidence can you find in this chapter that the river is 'sick'?

Two

After reading the chapter:

- 1) What does the writer mean when they describe the trees as 'skeletal'?
- 2) Why did Sabryna think that the temple would be helpful?
- 3) Why were fish so expensive?
- 4) List three things that Sabryna saw in the city.
- 5) What is meant by the phrase 'work dried up'?



Three



To think about while reading:

- 1) Why did Sabryna know that the rain was not a good sign?
- 2) How is Dia's appearance different in this chapter compared with the last?
- 3) List the things that Dia says she gives to humans.

Three

After reading the chapter:

- 1) Why did the people not believe Sabryna when she tried to warn them again?
- 2) What is meant by the phrase 'burst its banks'?
- 3) Find and copy a simile used to describe Dia.
- 4) *'Suddenly, Sabryna was engulfed by a crowd of villagers, each desperate to tell the news and get the gossip.'*
What does 'engulfed' mean?
- 5) Summarise the chapter in twenty words or fewer.



Four



To think about while reading:

- 1) Find and copy three adjectives that describe the landscape.
- 2) How much time has passed since the flood?
- 3) How has life changed for Sabryna's family?

Four

After reading the chapter:

- 1) What did Sabryna use to clean the clothes?
- 2) What did the following people do to change the way that they treated the river?
 - the farmers
 - the factory owners
 - the fisherfolk
 - the people from the city
- 3) Why did Sabryna have more money?
- 4) Why did Sabryna thank Dia?
- 5) What message do you think the author is trying to give? Explain your answer with evidence.



