The Clay Marble

A Novel Study

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A complete novel study including: vocabulary activities, open-ended questions, essay prompts, conflict chart, mood vs. tone activity, theme analysis, cause/effect activity, character analysis, compare/contrast, plot activity, quizzes, and comprehension test.

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Introduction

The Clay Marble
By Minfong Ho

From 1975 to 1979, the Communist Party, led by Pol Pot, Nuon Chea, Ieng Sary, Son Sen, and Khieu Samphan, known as the Khmer Rouge, reigned terror on the Cambodian population by threats of death, torture, starvation, and forced labor. While ruling the Kampuchea state in Cambodia, the organization was associated with the genocide of the population due to the famine and diseases that ravaged the country after the Khmer Rouge attempted to control the agricultural and medicine supply.

During the leadership of the Khmer Rouge, the population of Cambodia decreased from 7,100,000 to 3,800,000. The Khmer Rouge used inhumane tactics to force the population to adhere to their rule. The Khmer Rouge killed those who were suspected of traitorous acts, such as the belief in Capitalism. To decrease the chance of children being taught about capitalism, they were often separated from their parents so they could be indoctrinated into the concepts of Communism. People were tortured and executed at the whim of the ruling party. Families were relocated and separated during this time period.

The Khmer Rouge was defeated by the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and removed from power in 1979.

In The Clay Marble, by Minfong Ho, Dara and her family are trying to escape the Khmer Rouge by relocating to a refugee camp on the border Thailand and Cambodia during early 1980 (while the Khmer Rouge were still fighting in the borders). While at the refugee camp, Dara is separated from her family. She must go within herself to find the confidence and bravery to succeed in her travels to find her family. Along the way, she experiences the tragedies and atrocities associated with war. Through her determination, intelligence, and unlikely friendship with a fellow refugee, Dara travels through Cambodia to the Thai border with the hope of finding her family.
1975-1979 Cambodia Facts:

- 1975 - The population of Cambodia is 7,100,000.
- 1975 - The Khmer Rouge regime begins.
- 1975 - April 17 - Pol Pot (Saloth Sar) becomes leader of Cambodia.
- Those opposed to the regime are systematically tortured and executed.
- 1.7 – 2.5 million people die during the Khmer Rouge reign by:
  - Starvation
  - Torture
  - Execution of suspected traitors, intellectuals, family relationships not approved by Khmer Rouge
  - Forced Labor
  - Disease/lack of medicine
- 1976 - The country is renamed Democratic Kampuchea.
- 1977 - The Cambodian-Vietnamese War begins.
- 1978 - Vietnam invades Cambodia
- 1979 - The Khmer Rouge regime flees the country.
Connection Activity

The Khmer Rouge forced many changes to the lives of the Cambodians in the name of Communism. They forced the Cambodians to move, be separated from family members, endure starvation, and work in labor camps. Many people were killed because they were intellectuals (educated, great thinkers) or suspected of being traitors. Use the story to prove this was done to Dara’s family and the villagers she knew.

Directions: In the space provided, use quotes from the book to prove how the Khmer Rouge used inhuman tactics to rule Cambodia. Be sure to annotate (page number) the quote.

Starvation: “Liberation turned out to be a long nightmare of hunger and misery.” Page 6

Fear: 

Execution of Intellectuals: 

Separation of Family: 

Forced Labor: 

Relocation of Family: 

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## Vocabulary List

### Chapters 1 – 10

1. eerie (58)  
2. engrossed (24)  
3. exhorted (6)  
4. fierce (42)  
5. forlorn (82)  
6. impatient (49)  
7. massive (44)  
8. murmuring (65)  
9. reassured (59)  
10. regime (7)  
11. relishing (21)  
12. restrained (79)  
13. sarong (18)  
14. scowl (39)  
15. shrill (3)  
16. smugly (25)  
17. terse (16)  
18. tinged (72)  
19. torrent (63)  
20. trampled (77)

### Chapters 11 – 18

1. appeal (138)  
2. awkwardly (156)  
3. cautiously (85)  
4. cherished (101)  
5. defiantly (111)  
6. disheartening (87)  
7. elaborate (99)  
8. fervor (141)  
9. gestured (141)  
10. gloomy (131)  
11. indignantly (107)  
12. meekly (117)  
13. misgivings (85)  
14. precious (161)  
15. promptly (96)  
16. sensible (152)  
17. shimmered (129)  
18. veering (159)  
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<td>promptly</td>
<td>Quickly, punctual, on time</td>
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<td>Aware of, having good sense</td>
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**Vocabulary Activities**

Directions: From the list below, choose TWO to complete for each set of vocabulary words. You may only do the same activity ONCE. Place an X on the line provided of the activity you have completed.

1. Write three synonyms and three antonyms for each word. ______________

2. Create a crossword puzzle for the vocabulary words. ______________

3. Create a word search puzzle for the vocabulary words. ______________

4. Write a short story using at least 15 of the words from the vocabulary list. ______________

5. Write a sentence using each vocabulary word correctly. ______________

6. Create a game (card or board game) using the vocabulary words and definitions. ______________

7. Categorize the vocabulary words into three groups that clearly show the connection between the words. ______________

8. Draw a picture that shows the meaning of the vocabulary word. Complete one picture for each vocabulary word. ______________

9. Create a chart with the headings Setting, Character Trait, Emotional Description, and Action Description. Place the vocabulary words in the proper place in the correct column. ______________

10. Find the sentences where the vocabulary words are used. Copy the sentences and replace the vocabulary word with a synonym. ______________

** Use the vocabulary list on previous page to study the words and their meanings. The words may be copied and cut. Arrange the word and definitions facedown. Match the word with the proper definition.
Vocabulary Crossword Puzzle

Directions: Provide numbered clues in the across and down sections below that match the words in the grid. Black out boxes that are not used with vocabulary word letters.

Across

Down
Directions: Write the vocabulary words up, down, backwards, and diagonal in the grid provided. Fill in the empty boxes with random letters. Provide a word bank below with the vocabulary words used.

Word Bank

_____________     _______________     _______________     _______________     _______________

_____________     _______________     _______________     _______________     _____________

_____________     _______________     _______________     _______________     _______________

_____________     _______________     _______________     _______________     _______________

_____________     _______________     _______________     _______________     _____________
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Vocabulary Worksheet #1 Chapters 1-10

A. eerie  F. impatient  K. relishing  P. smugly
B. engrossed  G. massive  L. restrained  Q. terse
C. exhorted  H. murmuring  M. sarong  R. tinged
D. fierce  I. reassured  N. scowl  S. torrent
E. forlorn  J. regime  O. shrill  T. trampled

Directions: Match the vocabulary word with the correct definition. Place the letter in the space provided.

1. Huge, vast
2. To be exclusively absorbed in, intent
3. A garment wrapped around the waist.
4. A low, whispered sound. A mutter
5. Brisk, concise, brief, abrupt
6. Scary, spooky
7. A high-pitched tone or sound.
8. Held, controlled, prevent
9. Restless, unable to wait
10. To give confidence back to, comforted
11. To step heavily on, treat harshly
12. Slightly or barely colored
13. Very violent, unpleasant, savage
14. A form of government
15. A facial expression showing anger or disapproval
16. A heavy downpour, a deluge
18. Encouraged, pushed, pressed
19. Enjoying, savoring, appreciating
20. Sad or lonely after being deserted or left
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Vocabulary Worksheet #2 Chapters 1-10

fierce impatient reassured relishing smugly
forlorn murmuring regime shrill trampled

Directions: Write the correct word from the list above for each sentence in the space provided.

1. The (1) lion roared with displeasure.
2. The kitten was (2) the treat she had received for being good.
3. The kids (3) the newly planted flowers when they played football in the yard.
4. The constant (4) from the crowd became very distracting to the speaker.
5. The father (5) his daughter that the puppy would be just fine after it took a nap.
6. The (6) look on his face told the rest of the kids he had not done well on the test.
7. Sally cringed when she heard the (7) voice of her neighbor.
8. Tim sat (8) after it was announced he had won the competition.
9. My friend was (9) to hear the results of beauty contest she had entered.
10. The (10) of the dictator lasted until he was forced out by the people.

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Vocabulary Worksheet #3 Chapters 1-10

eerie          exorted          restrained          scowl          tinged
engrossed          massive          sarong          terse          torrent

Directions: Write the correct word from the list above for each sentence in the space provided.

1. Judging by her _(1)_ response, Julie didn’t care for the media’s question.

2. Hoover Dam is a _(2)_ structure that straddles the Colorado River in Nevada.

3. His clothes were _(3)_ pink after he washed his white shirts with his red socks.

4. The _(4)_ on her face signaled to us she was not happy with our behavior.

5. He wore a pleated _(5)_ with a grey formal shirt to the traditional ceremony.

6. A _(6)_ of musty water poured from the broken pipe onto the road.

7. The teacher _(7)_ her students to do well on the test or they would face dire consequences.

8. The music playing in the haunted restaurant was _(8)_.

9. My friend had to be _(9)_ after she saw the chocolate buffet at the party.

10. I did not hear the telephone because I was _(10)_ in the book I was reading.
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Vocabulary Worksheet #4 Chapters 11-18

A. appeal  F. disheartening  K. indignantly  P. sensible
B. awkwardly  G. elaborate  L. meekly  Q. shimmered
C. cautiously  H. fervor  M. misgivings  R. veering
D. cherished  I. gestured  N. precious  S. vehement
E. defiantly  J. gloomy  O. promptly  T. warily

Directions: Match the vocabulary word with the correct definition. Place the letter in the space provided.

_______ 1. Strong response or emotion
_______ 2. Quickly, punctual, on time
_______ 3. Depressing, overcast, dark
_______ 4. Very carefully
_______ 5. To destroy or test the courage of
_______ 6. Turn, change direction, swerve
_______ 7. Carefully, watchful, on guard
_______ 8. Very detailed, to express in rich detail
_______ 9. An urgent request or pleading
_______ 10. Acting angry about something mean or unjust
_______ 11. Aware of, having good sense
_______ 12. Clumsily, with difficulty
_______ 13. Signaled, motioned
_______ 14. Worthy, valuable, beloved
_______ 15. Resisting strongly
_______ 16. A flickering image or light
_______ 17. Gently, patiently, shyly, submissively
_______ 18. To express emotion with intensity
_______ 19. Doubts, questions about
_______ 20. Prized, thought highly of

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Vocabulary Worksheet #5 Chapters 11-18

awkwardly  cherished  elaborate  gloomy  precious
cautiously  disheartening  gestured  indignantly  vehement

Directions: Write the correct word from the list above for each sentence in the space provided.

1. The dog (1) took the dog treat from the stranger.

2. Fran’s (2) headdress made her stand out from the rest of the contestants.

3. “I did no such thing,” he replied (3).

4. The wedding band given to her by her mother was (4) to her.

5. The dark and (5) night sky added to the dreary mood surrounding the house where the accident took place.

6. The news from the weatherman was (6) because we had planned a fun day at the beach.

7. Saul was (7) in his refusal to fly in a plane because he was very afraid of them.

8. The toddler walked (8) toward his mother.

9. Randy (9) the only remaining picture of his grandfather.

10. The policeman (10) for us to cross the street.
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Vocabulary Worksheet #6 Chapters 11-18

appeal    fervor    misgivings    sensible    veering
defiantly  meekly   promptly    shimmered    warily

Directions: Write the correct word from the list above for each sentence in the space provided.

1. The brave faces on the crowd showed how _ (1) _ they opposed the new law.

2. The lawyer made an _ (2) _ to the judge for leniency on behalf of his client.

3. Julia’s mother put her in charge of the toddlers because she was the most _ (3) _ of the three girls.

4. “You must be here _ (4) _ at 11 a.m. or we will leave without you,” Frank declared.

5. The boys entered the haunted house _ (5) _ because they knew something was going to jump out at them.

6. The car unexpectedly began _ (6) _ to the left, barely missing the truck hauling the horses.

7. She spoke with great _ (7) _ about the need for recycling in order to save the world.

8. Hank and Harriet watched silently as the light _ (8) _ gracefully, as though it were dancing, on the gentle waves of the lake.

9. Although Samantha had _ (9) _ about attending the party, she decided to go anyway.

10. “No, Sir. I don’t know who did it,” Isabel replied _ (10) _. 

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Novel Study Questions

Chapter 1

1. Why had the Khmer Rouge soldiers set the village on fire?
______________________________________________________________________________
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2. Who “liberated” the village?
______________________________________________________________________________

3. What was life like for the Cambodians after the Communists took over?
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

4. Why had Dara’s father been killed?
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

5. Who is Pol Pot?
______________________________________________________________________________

6. Where was the family headed?
______________________________________________________________________________

7. What is a refugee?
______________________________________________________________________________

8. Why are they going to the camp?
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

9. What was in one of the sacks on the man’s cart?
______________________________________________________________________________

10. Why did the sight of it make Dara and her brother happy?
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
Chapter 2
1. What did Dara notice about the Nong Chan that she hadn’t expected?
   ___________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________

2. Why did Mother not accept the kindling from the girl in the camp?
   ___________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________

3. How did Dara have to take a bath?
   ___________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________

4. What had made Nea nervous when she and Dara returned to the camp?
   ___________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________

5. Why did Sarun hesitate to take the plate of rice from Nea?
   ___________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________

6. What does Dara’s enjoyment of her dinner tell you about their situation?
   ___________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________

Chapter 3
1. How did Dara’s insult to Jantu help break the tension between the two?
   ___________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________

2. Describe Dara’s new home built by Sarun.
   ___________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________

3. Describe the scene at the lunch truck.
   ___________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________

4. Why was Dara afraid to believe what she saw was real at the camp?
   ___________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________

5. What is the mood at the camp?
   ___________________________________________________________
Chapter 4

1. How did Dara feel about Nea and her family?
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

2. How many people were living at the camp?
   __________________________________________________________________________

3. Explain how the food was distributed the day the trucks arrived.
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

4. What special treat did Sarun bring back from the distribution site?
   __________________________________________________________________________

5. Why is it important that the people were given rice seed?
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

6. What was going on between Sarun and Nea?
   __________________________________________________________________________

7. Why did Dara feel hopeful?
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

Essay Question: Imagine yourself in the refugee camp. Given that you are probably used to having t.v., electricity, indoor plumbing, and fast food, how do you think you would do if you had to relocate to a refugee camp? What would you do to pass the time? How would you feel having to sleep outside?
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Chapter 5

1. What does Jantu mean when she says “The leaders of Cambodia are just like those four deaf brothers, fighting among themselves because they cannot hear one another?” Page 39.

2. What does Jantu’s ability to create things tell us about her character?

3. How was Chnay described?

4. What did he do to the doll mobile?

5. Why didn’t Jantu appear to be upset about Chnay’s actions?

Chapter 6

1. Do you agree with Jantu’s comment that they didn’t have real families now?

2. What memory did Dara remember when it started to rain?

3. What had Jantu created with the dolls she made?

4. Where had Jantu’s father been murdered?

5. How would you describe Jantu’s role in the story?
Chapter 7
1. Why was tension building up in the camp?
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
2. How did the soldiers try to convince Sarun to fight?
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
3. What did the dolls represent to Dara?
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
4. Where did the refugees go after the bombs started?
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
5. Why wouldn’t Jantu help the little girl who was lost?
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
6. What happened when Jantu and Dara stopped by the food truck?
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
7. What happened to Baby?
______________________________________________________________________________

Chapter 8
1. Who helped Dara when she almost got trampled by the crowd?
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
2. Where were they taking Baby?
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
3. Why did Jantu make Dara stay behind?
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
4. Where did Jantu tell Dara to go?
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
5. What did Jantu make for Dara?
______________________________________________________________________________
6. What would the marble do for Dara?

_____________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________

**Essay Question:** How would you feel if you became lost, knowing your family would be unable to find you? What would you do? How would you survive?

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 Chapter 9

1. Where did Dara sleep?

_____________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________

2. What did the old man remind Dara that she hadn’t thought of?

_____________________________________________________

3. What did the old man give to Dara?

_____________________________________________________

4. What did Dara see after she found where her family had camped?

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Chapter 10

1. Who did Dara meet up with at the refugee camp?

______________________________________________________________________________

2. What did he tell her?

______________________________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________________

3. Where did he say they had gone?

______________________________________________________________________________

4. Do you think Dara should believe him?

______________________________________________________________________________

5. What act of kindness did Chnay show Dara that was surprising?

______________________________________________________________________________

6. Why do you think Dara asked Chnay to go along with her?

______________________________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________________
Internal/External Conflicts

Directions: There are many conflicts occurring within the story. Complete the chart below to demonstrate your understanding of the conflicts taking place in the novel. Put your choice of a conflict occurring in the story in the last box.

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Cause and Effect Activity

**Directions:** Complete the cause and effect relationships listed below.

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**Essay Question:** Explain how the cause/effect relationships move the story along.

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Chapter 11

1. Why did Dara have misgivings about entering the Khmer Serei base camp?
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2. How did Chnay get the rice he offered Dara in the morning?
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3. How did Chnay and Dara go about finding her family?
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4. What did Dara smell that made her go toward the officer’s huts?
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5. What was used a guard at the kitchen hut?
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6. What did Dara say to Kung Silor that amused him?
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7. What did Dara ask Kung Silor?
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What did Dara credit her spirit to?
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Chapter 12

1. Who did Dara have a conversation with in the kitchen?
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2. What news did Chnay tell Dara?
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3. What agreement did Chnay and Dara make so he would continue looking for her family?
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4. Where did Chnay think he saw Sarun?

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5. Where did the cook take Dara?

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6. Why were the women using the rice seed for food?

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7. Why did Dara react the way she did about the rice food?

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8. Who did Dara see marching with the soldiers?

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9. Who called her name?

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Chapter 13

1. What endearment did Nea use that pleased Dara?

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2. What news did Sarun tell Dara?

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3. Why couldn’t they go to Khao I Dang to find Jantu and Baby?

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4. Why wasn’t Sarun concerned about the planting season?

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5. How has Sarun changed?

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6. What did Dara suggest they do to make it back in time to plow and plant the fields?

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7. Describe what Dara and Nea did to prepare for their journey home.

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Essay Question: Describe how you think Dara has changed. Explain whether the changes in her are good or bad. Discuss whether she made the changes because she wanted to or because she had to given her situation.

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Mood vs. Tone Activity

Mood: The overall feeling (emotion) the reader gets from the novel while reading it.
Tone: The writer’s attitude that is relayed through the writing.

Directions: Complete the chart below. The first two have been completed for you.

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<td>Tone</td>
<td>Exasperation, anger, resentment</td>
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<td>“Outside the compound, people started to stamped. The stream of refugees had turned into a churning, swirling torrent.” Page 63</td>
<td>Mood</td>
<td>Panic, high energy, fright</td>
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Chapter 14

1. How did Dara force Sarun to ask for special permission to go to Khao I Dang?
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2. Why couldn’t Sarun go with them?
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3. What had Dara never experienced?
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4. What did Dara notice about the refugee camp that was different than the one at Nong Chan?
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5. What was eerie about the children’s hospital?
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6. Where did they find Jantu?
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7. What was wrong with Duoic?
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8. Why did Jantu stop Dara from getting Duoic’s water bottle?
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Essay Question: Do you think Sarun will leave with the family to plant the rice? Explain your answer.
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Chapter 15

1. Why couldn't Dara have taken Duoic with them?

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2. What problem did the girls run into on their walk back to the camp?

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3. What happened when the girls took the road to the left?

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4. Why didn’t the girls go to the hospital?

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5. Why was Dara happy Jantu had closed her eyes?

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Chapter 16

1. What do you think of Sarun’s demand that Nea watch him march in the flagraising ceremony?

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2. Who would go to watch Sarun?

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3. Why does Jantu say war is a game?

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4. What did Jantu tell Dara she must do if she were to make it home again?

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5. According to Jantu, why did the magic marble work?

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6. What request did Jantu make of Dara after Dara put Baby in the hammock with Jantu?

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7. How did Jantu display her courage?

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Chapter 17

1. What did Sarun say he was going to do whether his mother and Nea liked it or not?

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2. What did Dara tell Sarun after he said it took courage to be a soldier?

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3. What did Dara tell Sarun she was going to do?

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4. What do you think convinced Sarun to change his mind?

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5. What had Dara created with her will to believe?

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Essay Question: Do you think Jantu was correct when she stated Dara needed only to believe to create a magic marble? Explain your answer.

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Chapters 18 & Afterward

1. Why did Dara wish she had given Jantu something at her burial?
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2. Who came to Dara while she was preparing to leave?
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3. What gift was given to Dara?
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4. What happened to Jantu’s marble?
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5. Where did Nea tell Dara the magic was located?
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6. What did Jantu mean when she said the magic was in the making?
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7. Do you think Dara has taken on some of Jantu’s better qualities?
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8. Explain what Dara means when she says she will teach her daughter how to make a clay marble when her daughter is ready.
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Additional Essay Questions

Essay Questions: For each paragraph, use complete sentences that reflect a concise, organized and meaningful answer.

1. What are your thoughts concerning the novel? How did it make you feel? Which part was your favorite? Which part did you like the least?

2. How do you think the people of Cambodia were able to maintain themselves amid such destruction, death, and uncertainty?

3. Which character, in your opinion, showed the most courage? Explain your answer.

4. How would you describe the relationship between Dara and Jantu?
Analyzing the Title Activity

Directions: An author chooses the title of their novel for a specific reason. Evaluate the title of the novel and explain why it is or is not a good title.

1. Does the title have a specific meaning to the book? If so, what is the meaning?
   
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2. In the case of this novel, who or what does the title apply to?
   
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3. Create a different title for the novel. Why do you think your title would/would not be a better title?
   
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4. Comparing your title with the original, why is the original title better or worse than your choice?
   
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Analyzing Theme Activity

Directions: Discuss the theme or themes of the story.

Theme: A general idea or message normally concerned with life, human nature, or society the author is trying to relay to the reader. A theme is usually a universal idea (love vs. hate, loyalty vs. disloyalty, fairness) that is not stated directly by the author rather it is understood by the reader through the evidence provided in the storyline.

1. Brainstorm as many themes as you can for the story. Write them below.

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2. Which theme idea do you feel is the most important to the story? Explain your answer.

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3. Can there be more than one theme to a novel?

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4. Of the themes you mention above, which one do you relate to the most and why?

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Point of View Activity

**Directions:** Determine which point of view is being used in the novel and how it affects the telling of the story.

**First-person point of view:** when the narrator uses the pronouns “I” when telling the story.

**Limited third-person point of view:** the narrator tells the story from the perspective of one or more of the character(s) using the pronouns he, she, us, we, etc.

1. The story is written in ____________________________ point of view.

2. How would the story change if it were written entirely in third-person point of view?
   
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3. Do you think a story written in first-person point of view is better for understanding the motive behind a character’s actions? Explain your answer.
   
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Character Analysis Activity

**Directions:** The novel has provided extensive proof of each character’s personality and traits. Choose a character you could identify with and explain why you felt a connection with that character. Be sure to include examples of the traits you claim they possess that drew you to them.
Plot Summary Essay

Directions: Using the Plot summary diagram, write an essay summarizing the plot of the story.
Compare/Contrast Activity

Directions: Compare and contrast (show the similarities and differences) between Dara and Jantu. Use at least 3 examples for each. Be sure to label each circle with the proper heading.
Compare/Contrast Activity

Directions: Using the Venn Diagram above, write an essay comparing and contrasting the two people. Be sure you do not create a list in your essay. Use signal words for compare/contrast (First, for instance, compared to, etc.) to write your essay.

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Teacher’s Guide

To Vocabulary Worksheets and Questions

(Answers are NOT included for Graphic organizers as answers may vary.)
The Clay Marble Vocabulary Worksheet #1 Chapters 1-10 ANSWERS

A. eerie  F. impatient  K. relishing  P. smugly
B. engrossed  G. massive  L. restrained  Q. terse
C. exhorted  H. murmuring  M. sarong  R. tinged
D. fierce  I. reassured  N. scowl  S. torrent
E. forlorn  J. regime  O. shrill  T. trampled

Directions: Match the vocabulary word with the correct definition. Place the letter in the space provided.

G____ 1. Huge, vast
B____ 2. To be exclusively absorbed in, intent
M____ 3. A garment wrapped around the waist.
H____ 4. A low, whispered sound. A mutter
Q____ 5. Brisk, concise, brief, abrupt
A____ 6. Scary, spooky
O____ 7. A high-pitched tone or sound.
L____ 8. Held, controlled, prevent
F____ 9. Restless, unable to wait
I____ 10. To give confidence back to, comforted
T____ 11. To step heavily on, treat harshly
R____ 12. Slightly or barely colored
D____ 13. Very violent, unpleasant, savage
J____ 14. A form of government
N____ 15. A facial expression showing anger or disapproval
S____ 16. A heavy downpour, a deluge
C____ 18. Encouraged, pushed, pressed
K____ 19. Enjoying, savoring, appreciating
E____ 20. Sad or lonely after being deserted or left
The Clay Marble Vocabulary Worksheet #2 Chapters 1-10 ANSWERS

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Directions: Write the correct word from the list above for each sentence in the space provided.

1. The ____ lion roared with displeasure.  
2. The kitten was ____ the treat she had received for being good.  
3. The kids ____ the newly planted flowers when they played football in the yard.  
4. The constant ____ from the crowd became very distracting to the speaker.  
5. The father ____ his daughter that the puppy would be just fine after it took a nap.  
6. The ____ look on his face told the rest of the kids he had not done well on the test.  
7. Sally cringed when she heard the ____ voice of her neighbor.  
8. Tim sat ____ after it was announced he had won the competition.  
9. My friend was ____ to hear the results of beauty contest she had entered.  
10. The ____ of the dictator lasted until he was forced out by the people.
The Clay Marble Vocabulary Worksheet #3 Chapters 1-10 ANSWERS

eerie       exhorted       restrained       scowl       tinged
engrossed    massive        sarong         terse        torrent

Directions: Write the correct word from the list above for each sentence in the space provided.

1. Judging by her _1_ response, Julie didn’t care for the media’s question.
   1. TERSE

2. Hoover Dam is a _2_ structure that straddles the Colorado River in Nevada.
   2. MASSIVE

3. His clothes were _3_ pink after he washed his white shirts with his red socks.
   3. TINGED

4. The _4_ on her face signaled to us she was not happy with our behavior.
   4. SCOWL

5. He wore a pleated _5_ with a grey formal shirt to the traditional ceremony.
   5. SARONG

6. A _6_ of musty water poured from the broken pipe onto the road.
   6. TORRENT

7. The teacher _7_ her students to do well on the test or they would face dire consequences.
   7. EXHORTED

8. The music playing in the haunted restaurant was _8_.
   8. EERIE

9. My friend had to be _9_ after she saw the chocolate buffet at the party.
   9. RESTRAINED

10. I did not hear the telephone because I was _10_ in the book I was reading.
   10. ENGROSSED
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Vocabulary Worksheet #4 Chapters 11-18 ANSWERS

A. appeal  F. disheartening  K. indignantly  P. sensible
B. awkwardly  G. elaborate  L. meekly  Q. shimmered
C. cautiously  H. fervor  M. misgivings  R. veering
D. cherished  I. gestured  N. precious  S. vehement
E. defiantly  J. gloomy  O. promptly  T. warily

Directions: Match the vocabulary word with the correct definition. Place the letter in the space provided.

S____ 1. Strong response or emotion
O____ 2. Quickly, punctual, on time
J____ 3. Depressing, overcast, dark
C____ 4. Very carefully
F____ 5. To destroy or test the courage of
R____ 6. Turn, change direction, swerve
T____ 7. Carefully, watchful, on guard
G____ 8. Very detailed, to express in rich detail
A____ 9. An urgent request or pleading
K____ 10. Acting angry about something mean or unjust
P____ 11. Aware of, having good sense
B____ 12. Clumsily, with difficulty
I____ 13. Signaled, motioned
N____ 14. Worthy, valuable, beloved
E____ 15. Resisting strongly
Q____ 16. A flickering image or light
L____ 17. Gently, patiently, shyly, submissively
H____ 18. To express emotion with intensity
M____ 19. Doubts, questions about
D____ 20. Prized, thought highly of
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Vocabulary Worksheet #5 Chapters 11-18 ANSWERS

awkwardly           cherished           elaborate           gloomy           precious
cautiously           disheartening       gestured           indignantly       vehement

Directions: Write the correct word from the list above for each sentence in the space provided.

1. The dog (1) took the dog treat from the stranger.
   1. CAUTIOUSLY

2. Fran’s (2) headdress made her stand out from the rest of the contestants.
   2. ELABORATE

3. “I did no such thing,” he replied (3).
   3. INDIGNATELY

4. The wedding band given to her by her mother was (4) to her.
   4. PRECIOUS

5. The dark and (5) night sky added to the dreary mood surrounding the house where the accident took place.
   5. GLOOMY

6. The news from the weatherman was (6) because we had planned a fun day at the beach.
   6. DISHEARTENING

7. Saul was (7) in his refusal to fly in a plane because he was very afraid of them.
   7. VEHEMENT

8. The toddler walked (8) toward his mother.
   8. AWKWARDLY

9. Randy (9) the only remaining picture of his grandfather.
   9. CHERISHED

10. The policeman (10) for us to cross the street.
   10. GESTURED
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Vocabulary Worksheet #6 Chapters 11-18 ANSWERS

appeal          fervor          misgivings          sensible          veering
defiantly       meekly         promptly         shimmered         warily

Directions: Write the correct word from the list above for each sentence in the space provided.

1. The brave faces on the crowd showed how (1) ______ they opposed the new law.
   1. DEFINITELY

2. The lawyer made an (2) ______ to the judge for leniency on behalf of his client.
   2. APPEAL

3. Julia’s mother put her in charge of the toddlers because she was the most (3) ______ of the three girls.
   3. SENSIBLE

4. “You must be here (4) ______ at 11 a.m. or we will leave without you,” Frank declared.
   4. PROMPTLY

5. The boys entered the haunted house (5) ______ because they knew something was going to jump out at them.
   5. WARILY

6. The car unexpectedly began (6) ______ to the left, barely missing the truck hauling the horses.
   6. VEERING

7. The spoke with great (7) ______ about the need for recycling in order to save the world.
   7. FERVOR

8. Hank and Harriet watched silently as the light (8) ______ gracefully, as though it were dancing, on the gentle waves of the lake.
   8. SHIMMERED

9. Although Samantha had (9) ______ about attending the party, she decided to go anyway.
   9. MISGIVINGS

10. “No, Sir. I don’t know who did it,” Isabel replied (10) ______.
   10. MEEKLY
The Clay Marble Novel Study Questions- Answers

Chapter 1

1. Why had the Khmer Rouge soldiers set the village on fire? They didn’t want the Vietnamese soldiers to have anything left to use.
2. Who “liberated” the village? Communists
3. What was life like for the Cambodians after the Communists took over? People were forced to work very hard. Food was scarce.
4. Why had Dara’s father been killed? Probably because he knew how to read and write.
5. Who is Pol Pot? He is the leader of the Khmer Rouge.
6. Where was the family headed? They were headed to Nong Chan, a refugee camp.
7. What is a refugee?
8. Why are they going to the camp? They hope to get food and tools to rebuild their home and land.
9. What was in one of the sacks on the man’s cart? Rice seed.
10. Why did the sight of it make Dara and her brother happy? It meant Sarun had heard the truth about Nong Chan.

Chapter 2

1. What did Dara notice about the Nong Chan that she hadn’t expected? There was a lot of activity being done by real families.
2. Why did Mother not accept the kindling from the girl in the camp? She had no rice to cook so the fire would have been a waste.
3. How did Dara have to take a bath? She used a ladle to pour water onto herself.
4. What had made Nea nervous when she and Dara returned to the camp? Sarun was staring at her.
5. Why did Sarun hesitate to take the plate of rice from Nea? His pride of not wanting to take hand-outs got in the way.
6. What does Dara’s enjoyment of her dinner tell you about their situation? They had gone hungry for too long.
Chapter 3
1. How did Dara’s insult to Jantu help break the tension between the two? They knew they were equals.
2. Describe Dara’s new home built by Sarun. It was a lean-to built from bamboo poles and thatching.
3. Describe the scene at the lunch truck. Hundreds of kids lined up with their plates to receive food.
4. Why was Dara afraid to believe what she saw was real at the camp? Times had been too harsh for her and her family. She felt it was too good to be true.
5. What is the mood at the camp? People are happy and content.

Chapter 4
1. How did Dara feel about Nea and her family? She felt had grown very close in the few days her family had arrived at the camp.
2. How many people were living at the camp? About 40,000
3. Explain how the food was distributed the day the trucks arrived. The teams had to register for the food. On the day of distribution, the teams brought their carts to the distribution site. Men then loaded the bags of food onto the carts until they were full. It was very well organized.
4. What special treat did Sarun bring back from the distribution site? A special rice blend.
5. Why is it important the people were given rice seed? They could begin the process of rebuilding their farms using the rice seeds to grow their own food.
6. What was going on between Sarun and Nea? He was courting her.
7. Why did Dara feel hopeful? She view the rice seed and the new tools as a way to begin again.

Essay Question: Imagine yourself in the refugee camp. Given that you are probably used to having t.v., electricity, indoor plumbing, and fast food, how do you think you would do if you had to relocate to a refugee camp? What would you do to pass the time? How would you feel having to sleep outside?
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Chapter 5
1. What does Jantu mean when she says “The leaders of Cambodia are just like those four deaf brothers, fighting among themselves because they cannot hear one another”? Page 39.
2. What does Jantu’s ability to create things tell us about her character? She is very intelligent and resourceful.
3. How was Chnay described? He was a bully who liked to break things.
4. What did he do to the doll mobile? He destroyed it.
5. Why didn’t Jantu appear to be upset about Chnay’s actions? For her, the fun of the toy was in the making of it.

Chapter 6
1. Do you agree with Jantu’s comment that they didn’t have real families now? Answers will vary.
2. What memory did Dara remember when it started to rain? How it felt when she had a family that included her grandmother.
3. What had Jantu created with the dolls she made? A family that included her family and Dara’s.
4. Where had Jantu’s father been murdered? In the mango orchard.
5. How would you describe Jantu’s role in the story? Answers will vary. She is more than a friend to Dara. She has become Dara’s teacher.

Chapter 7
1. Why was tension building up in the camp? Soldiers were visiting the camp trying to enlist the men.
2. How did the soldiers try to convince Sarun to fight? They questioned his loyalty to his country.
3. What did the dolls represent to Dara? They represented hope and a real family.
4. Where did the refugees go after the bombs started? They made their way into Thailand.
5. Why wouldn’t Jantu help the little girl who was lost? Answers will vary.
6. What happened when Jantu and Dara stopped by the food truck? It was struck with a bomb.
7. What happened to Baby? He had been hurt in the bombing.
Chapter 8

1. Who helped Dara when she almost got trampled by the crowd? A medic.
2. Where were they taking Baby? They are taking him to the hospital inside the Khao I Dang refugee camp.
3. Why did Jantu make Dara stay behind? Dara needed to find their families to tell them where Jantu was being taken.
4. Where did Jantu tell Dara to go? She told her to go to their well because her family would go back there.
6. What would the marble do for Dara? It would make her strong, brave, and patient.

Essay Question: How would you feel if you became lost, knowing your family would be unable to find you? What would you do? How would you survive?

Chapter 9

1. Where did Dara sleep? She slept against a tree.
2. What did the old man remind Dara that she hadn’t thought of? He reminded her of the lunch truck.
3. What did the old man give to Dara? Cold rice.
4. What did Dara see after she found where her family had camped? Nothing. Her family was not there.

Chapter 10

1. Who did Dara meet up with at the refugee camp? Chnay.
2. What did he tell her? Her family had been there looking for her. They had left in the morning.
3. Where did he say they had gone? To the base camps.
4. Do you think Dara should believe him? Answers will vary.
5. What act of kindness did Chnay show Dara that was surprising? He gave her some rice
6. Why do you think Dara asked Chnay to go along with her? Answers will vary.
Chapter 11
1. Why did Dara have misgivings about entering the Khmer Serei base camp? The spikes at the bottom of the trench were not welcoming.
2. How did Chnay get the rice he offered Dara in the morning? He stole it.
3. How did Chnay and Dara go about finding her family? They circled the camp, starting at the very outside and working their way inward.
4. What did Dara smell that made her go toward the officer’s huts? The smell of roast chicken.
5. What was used a guard at the kitchen hut? A monkey.
6. What did Dara say to Kung Silor that amused him? She asked how else they were going to get the food if they didn’t steal it.
7. What did Dara ask Kung Silor? She asked for rice and a job in the kitchen.
8. What did Dara credit her spirit to? The magic marble.

Chapter 12
1. Who did Dara have a conversation with in the kitchen? The monkey.
2. What news did Chnay tell Dara? He thought her family was there. He had found out there was another section of the camp he needed to explore.
3. What agreement did Chnay and Dara make so he would continue looking for her family? She had to continue feeding him.
5. Where did the cook take Dara? To get more rice.
6. Why were the women using the rice seed for food? They had run out of regular rice.
7. Why did Dara react the way she did about the rice food? The rice seed was her hope for a return to normalcy.
8. Who did Dara see marching with the soldiers? Her brother, Sarun.
9. Who called her name? Her mother.
Chapter 13

1. What endearment did Nea use that pleased Dara? She called her sister.
2. What news did Sarun tell Dara? He and Nea were to be married.
3. Why couldn’t they go to Khao I Dang to find Jantu and Baby? They needed a special pass to ride on one of the vehicles going there.
4. Why wasn’t Sarun concerned about the planting season? He was a soldier, not a farmer.
5. How has Sarun changed? Answers will vary. They should include that he likes being a soldier.
6. What did Dara suggest they do to make it back in time to plow and plant the fields? She suggested they get packed and ready to go without Sarun.
7. Describe what Dara and Nea did to prepare for their journey home.

Essay Question: Describe how you think Dara has changed. Explain whether the changes in her are good or bad. Discuss whether she made the changes because she wanted to or because she had to given her situation.

Chapter 14

1. How did Dara force Sarun to ask for special permission to go to Khao I Dang? She told him she would go to General Kung Silor if he didn’t do it right away.
2. Why couldn’t Sarun go with them? He had sentry duty.
4. What did Dara notice about the refugee camp that was different than the one at Nong Chan? Khao I Dang was much more orderly. There were houses and small vegetable gardens.
5. What was eerie about the children’s hospital? It was too quiet because the children were so sick.
6. Where did they find Jantu? She was in the surgical ward.
7. What was wrong with Duoic? He was missing both his legs after stepping on a land mine.
8. Why did Jantu stop Dara from getting Duoic’s water bottle? She wanted him to get it so he would stop feeling helpless.

Essay Question: Do you think Sarun will leave with the family to plant the rice? Explain your answer.
Chapter 15
1. Why couldn’t they have taken Duoic with them? He would not have survived.
2. What problem did the girls run into on their walk back to the camp? They ran into a fork in the road and didn’t know which road to take.
3. What happened when they took the road to the left? Jantu was shot.
4. Why didn’t they go to the hospital? It was too dangerous at night.
5. Why was Dara happy Jantu had closed her eyes? Jantu wouldn’t know Dara had lied to her about being okay.

Chapter 16
1. What do you think of Sarun’s demand that Nea watch him march in the flagraising ceremony? He comes across as uncaring and selfish given that Jantu is Nea’s sister.
2. Who would go to watch Sarun? Nea and Sarun’s mother.
3. Why does Jantu say war is a game? Answers will vary.
4. What did Jantu tell Dara she must do if she were to make it home again? Dara will have to make Sarun go.
5. According to Jantu, why did the magic marble work? It worked because Dara believed it would.
6. Where did the magic exist? Within Dara.
7. What request did Jantu make of Dara after Dara put Baby in the hammock with Jantu? Jantu asked her to rock and sing to her.
8. How did Jantu display her courage? Even though she knew she was dying, she still tried to be strong for Dara.

Chapter 17
1. What did Sarun say he was going to do whether his mother and Nea liked it or not? He was going to enlist.
2. What did Dara tell Sarun after he said it took courage to be a soldier? She asked him what courage it took to shoot an unarmed girl in the dark.
3. What did Dara tell Sarun she was going to do? She was going home to plant the rice seeds.
4. What do you think convinced Sarun to change his mind?
5. What had Dara created with her will to believe? She created a magic marble filled with hope.
Essay Question: Do you think Jantu was correct when she stated Dara needed only to believe to create a magic marble? Explain your answer.

Chapters 18 & Afterward

1. Why did Dara wish she had given Jantu something at her burial? Jantu had given so much to Dara.
2. Who came to Dara while she was preparing to leave? Chnay.
3. What gift was given to Dara? A cowbell made by Chnay.
5. Where did Nea tell Dara the magic was located? In Dara.
6. What did Jantu mean when she said the magic was in the making? Answers will vary.
7. Do you think Dara has taken on some of Jantu’s better qualities? Answers will vary.
8. Explain what Dara means when she says she will teach her daughter how to make a clay marble when her daughter is ready.
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**Chapters 1-5**

6. “I thought I was slowly relishing each mouthful, but before I knew it, my plate was empty,” illustrates
   A. The inability of Dara to concentrate.
   B. Dara’s ability to eat anything placed before her.
   C. The hunger felt by Dara.
   D. Dara’s refusal to let food go to waste.

7. Why was such importance placed upon rice seed?
   A. It provided hope for the people of Cambodia.
   B. It was very expensive to purchase.
   C. It could be traded for other items.
   D. It was very nutritious.

8. What was the mood at the refugee camp?
   A. Horrible.
   B. Hopeful.
   C. Frightful.
   D. Eerie.

9. Jantu may best be characterized as
   A. A bully.
   B. Rude and selfish.
   C. Defiant.
   D. Creative.

10. How does Dara view Nea’s family?
    A. They have become one family.
    B. They are untrustworthy.
    C. They are lazy.
    D. They do not understand the dire situation of the refugee camp.
The Clay Marble Quiz 1
Chapters 1-5

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   B. There were no houses to live in.
   C. People were better off with the Khmer Rouge in charge.
   D. There was little to no rice seed to plant.

15. The theme of the story would be
   A. optimism for the future.
   B. destruction.
   C. justice against the Khmer Rouge.
   D. a restrained tolerance toward the treatment they had received.
The Clay Marble Quiz 2
Chapters 6-10

Directions: Choose the best answer for each question.

1. Jantu’s role to Dara in the story could be compared to that of a(n)
   A. Enemy.
   B. rival.
   C. Younger sibling.
   D. teacher.

2. The tension in the refugee camp increased after
   A. the Khmer Rouge arrived.
   B. the Khmer Serei soldiers arrived to enlist the men.
   C. the food trucks failed to arrive.
   D. the fire burned the food supply.

3. The dolls made by Jantu represented
   A. hope for the future...
   B. impatience for the future.
   C. defeat by the Khmer Rouge.
   D. defiance to the Khmer Rouge.

4. On the way to Thailand, why did the people suddenly stampede?
   A. They saw the food truck.
   B. The soldiers were forcing them to run.
   C. A bomb had struck the food truck.
   D. The people were in a hurry to get to the refugee camp.

5. Why did Jantu take Baby and leave Dara at the stampede site?
   A. Dara needed to find her family.
   B. Jantu told Dara she would slow her down.
   C. Jantu was tired of Dara’s whining.
   D. Dara didn’t want to go with Jantu.

6. What was the purpose of the marble?
   A. It would give Dara something to play with.
   B. It could be traded for food.
   C. It was magic.
   D. It would give Dara courage.
The Clay Marble Quiz 2
Chapters 6-10

7. What did Dara find when she returned to the refugee camp?
   A. Her family waiting for her.
   B. Her family not waiting for her.
   C. A surplus of food.
   D. Her brother, Sarun, waiting for her.

8. What does Dara’s statement, “We can always start something new,” communicate about her?
   A. She doesn’t understand the situation she is in.
   B. She has not given up her hope to find a better life.
   C. She is content with being on her own.
   D. She is mature enough to realize she can do anything by herself.

9. What did Chnay do for Dara that surprised her?
   A. He fixed the clay dolls.
   B. He volunteered to take her to the new refugee camp.
   C. He gave her rice to eat.
   D. He ignored her when she asked him a question.

10. What trait does not apply to Chnay?
    A. Bully
    B. Selfish
    C. Overly kind.
    D. Resourceful.
The Clay Marble Quiz 2
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11. What was the single, terrifying word Jantu spoke that frightened Dara?
   A. They were lost.
   B. There was always hope.
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   A. weariness.
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13. Who had destroyed the clay dolls created by Jantu?
   A. Chnay
   B. Nea
   C. Sarun
   D. Dara

14. What memory did the rain remind Dara about?
   A. Her father.
   B. Her family on vacation.
   C. Her brother and sister when they were younger.
   D. Her family when her grandmother was alive.

15. Where were Dara and family headed to when they were separated?
   A. Loas
   B. Thailand
   C. Korea
   D. China
The Clay Marble Quiz 3
Chapters 11- Afterward

Directions: Choose the best answer for each question.

1. How did Chnay get food at the Nong Chan camp?
   A. He stole it.
   B. He worked for it.
   C. He bought it.
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   B. The Nong Chan camp had more food.
   C. The Khao I Dang camp was run by the Khmer Rouge.
   D. The Khao I Dang camp was more orderly with homes.

8. Dara’s response, “We can, and we will,” to Nea’s remark that they couldn’t get everything ready to leave demonstrates Dara’s 
   A. determination.
   B. stubbornness.
   C. attitude.
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   D. Nea forbade Dara to take Jantu to the hospital.

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   A. his need to control everybody.
   B. his selfish nature.
   C. his pride in being a soldier.
   D. his need to family around him.

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   A. The magic came from Jantu’s imagination.
   B. The magic came from a higher being.
   C. The magic never existed.
   D. The magic came from within Dara.
   E.

24. Why did Dara not want to stop singing to Jantu?
   A. Jantu would be disappointed in her.
   B. Dara would have to face the fact that Jantu was dead.
   C. Dara knew how much Jantu liked her singing.
   D. Jantu would wake up.
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25. How did Dara convince Sarun to go with the family and leave the refugee camp?
   A. Implied to Sarun that the soldiers didn’t want him.
   B. Dara reminded him of his marriage to Nea.
   C. Dara told him the family needed him.
   D. Dara reinforced the importance of defeating the Khmer Rouge.

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   A. A new clay marble.
   B. A clay doll family.
   C. A clay doll that looked like Jantu.
   D. A cowbell.

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   A. Baby
   B. A clay doll.
   C. A real marble.
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   A. Determined
   B. Meek
   C. Intelligent
   D. Strong-willed

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   A. She becomes more valuable the more her inner strength increases.
   B. She becomes more selfish and self-centered.
   C. She is determined to make everyone follow her directions.
   D. She becomes defiant and meek when confronted with challenges.

30. What message does the following quote convey? “I held my marble a moment longer. Then I
    stood up in the oxcart and, taking a deep breath, flung the marble away.” (Page 160)
    A. Dara realizes she doesn’t need the marble anymore because she is strong and brave.
    B. Dara realizes that believing in the clay marble was silly.
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    D. Dara is burying the past so she can move on in the future.
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