

Deathwatch Journal Topics Chapters 9-17:

Chapter 9:

1. On page 108, after a disgusting description of the water Ben drank, the author writes, "It was delicious." How could that water be described as delicious?
2. At the end of the chapter, it is stated that there was "one enormous thing" on Ben's mind. What is it?
3. Could you have done what Ben did in this chapter?

Chapter 10:

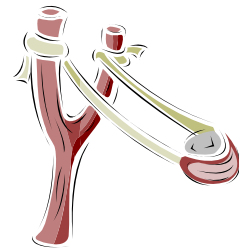
1. On page 118, Ben says that when he comes face to face with Madec, "he must be as naked as I am." Does he mean without clothing, or does he mean something else? Explain.
2. At the end of the chapter, a helicopter flies over. How could he get its attention?

Chapter 11:

1. Near the end of this chapter, what is Ben planning to do?
2. Describe what he did to the slingshot.
3. Should he have just stayed in the tunnel? Explain.

Chapter 12:

1. Why do you suppose the author doesn't tell us Ben's plan?
2. What do you think Ben will/should do when Madec comes?
3. In your opinion, is this a good plan? Will it work in Ben's favor?



Chapter 13:

1. At the end of this chapter, Ben has no defense except the slingshot. Was this a good idea? Explain.
2. How do you think Ben has handled his predicament up to this point? Is his chance of survival looking better than before?

Chapter 14:

1. On page 162, Madec begs with Ben because "he's really in great pain." Why is that ironic?
2. At the end of the chapter, do you think Ben has this all wrapped up or is Madec still in control? Explain.

Chapter 15:

1. On page 170, Ben has not encountered the doctor or the sheriff he was hoping to find. How are things looking for him at this point?
2. On page 173, Emma says, "That just goes to show, one never can tell." What does she mean by that?
3. If Ben is in a town where he knows everyone and everyone knows him, why are things going so wrong for him?

Chapter 16:

1. On page 192, what does everyone think about Ben and his story? Why doesn't anyone believe him?
2. It seems as though Madec thought of everything. Summarize some of the things in his story.
3. Why does Madec come across as more believable to the town's people than Ben does?

Chapter 17:

1. Explain when and why things start looking up for Ben.
2. On the bottom of page 219, it says no one says anything or even looks at Ben. Why?
3. How does Ben show his honor and integrity in the end?