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CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER RESOURCES

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Chapter	Comprehension Questions	Writing Opportunities	Cross-Curricular Opportunities
England, June 1645	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For how long has the country been at war at this point? Who are the two sides that are fighting in the war? Name two reasons why the two sides are at war. Find and copy a phrase that shows people were unsure who would win. 		HISTORY: The story is set in England during 1645. Research what had happened prior to this that led to the civil war.
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What does the word 'whistled' suggest about how the musket ball is moving? Look at page 1. Find and copy two words that show this scene is taking place in a castle-like building. What did people believe was the reason for the survival of Compton Blaize? How long ago had the lion been created? Name two things that Merriweather was learning to do. Why did Will 'drop to the ground like a stone'? Look at page 5. How did Will feel about being shouted at? How does the park differ now compared to what it was like before? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. 	<p>Create a short biography of Sir Thomas Fairfax. Make sure you include information about his early childhood, his adult life and his significant achievements.</p> <p>Using the information from your research, create a persuasive advert to try and recruit more people to the rebel cause.</p>	HISTORY: This chapter mentions that Sir Thomas Fairfax leads the rebels. Who was he? What were the rebels trying to achieve?
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain why the rebels had come to Compton Blaize. How did Merriweather feel about Lady Ellinor potentially surrendering Compton Blaize to the enemy? Use evidence 		



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	<p>to explain how you know this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where is Merriweather's father? How long has he been gone? How did Lady Ellinor feel when she realized what Merriweather was doing? 	Write a letter from the perspective of Merriweather to her father, telling him about what Lady Ellinor is doing.	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who or what is Merlin? <i>Since the rebel army turned up at our gates again, Cook watches our food supplies like a hawk.</i> What is meant by this phrase? Look at page 19. What does this page suggest about the relationship between Merriweather and Agnes? Use evidence. How did Merriweather feel when she was asking Agnes to apologize to Will on her behalf? What did Merriweather think was the reason for her strained relationship with her father? Look at the end of the chapter. What was Merriweather trying to do when she was 'hastily smoothing down her petticoats' and she 'drew in a breath'? 		
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give one difference and one similarity between Lady Ellinor's garden before and during the war. <i>With their beautiful, tightly whorled petals and thorny</i> 		



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	<p><i>stems, they suited Lady Ellinor perfectly. What is Merriweather trying to say about her stepmother?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name three things Lady Ellinor had prevented Merriweather from doing before the war broke out. Who do you think Lady Ellinor may be writing to? Explain why people thought the King was trying to change the country back to a Catholic country. Why had Uncle Diggory lied about the treasure? How do you know that Merriweather's father enjoyed his voyages? What impression do you get of Merriweather's father from this chapter? Use evidence to support your answer. 	<p>Write a letter from the perspective of Lady Ellinor to the person you believe she was writing to during the chapter. What might she say to them? Why would she be writing to them?</p>	<p>HISTORY: This chapter mentions the adventurers Sir Francis Drake and Sir Walter Raleigh. What were they famous for? Where did they travel to? How did their adventures impact society?</p> <p>GEOGRAPHY: Using a world map, plot the voyages that Sir Francis Drake and Sir Walter Raleigh completed. Can you also identify where Merriweather's father ventured to?</p>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why did Merriweather not let Will join her in her escape plan? How did Merriweather feel about having to cut her hair? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. Find and copy a word that shows the food was stolen. Why was Merriweather apprehensive about finally having an adventure of her own? Give three ways the pigeons had been useful to the Pryce household. What was the original use of the door in the pigeon-house? 	<p>Write what happens next. Focus on an initial setting description of Merriweather's journey through the woods.</p>	<p>HISTORY: How did clothing differ between boys and girls during this time? Did the clothing of wealthy people differ to those of average people? Why?</p>



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6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did Merriweather feel when she thought a rebel sharpshooter was close by? How do you know this? Who was it that was following her? How did Merriweather persuade Merlin to forgive her? How did Merriweather know that something was wrong in the village? Give two ways the author shows that the old man is blind. Where did the old man say Merriweather's father was going? What advice had Merriweather's father given her about using the compass? 	<p>Write a newspaper article about the village being plundered from the perspective of a Royalist reporter.</p> <p>How would this differ if written from the perspective of a rebel supporter?</p>	
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give three pieces of evidence of the war that Merriweather sees on her travels. Why do you think Merriweather's bundle grew heavier? How did this village differ to the one she had previously travelled through? What stopped Merriweather from continuing towards the church? How did Merriweather know that the men she saw were 'up to no good'? Were the people who raided the house rebels or Royalists? How do you know? 		<p>HISTORY: Merriweather mentions Moll Cutpurse, the famous thief. Research crime and punishment in this era. What crimes were common? What were the consequences if caught? How does it compare to today or other periods of time?</p>



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8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where did the rebel soldier take Merriweather? How did Merriweather know that Samuel Jeames was the same person who had worked at Compton Blaize? Why would Merriweather want to avoid being recognized by Samuel Jeames? <i>So many good men cut down by the forces of our tyrant King.</i> What does the word tyrant suggest about Shine's thoughts on the King? What evidence is there to suggest that Ned likes animals in this chapter? Give two examples. 	Write a letter from Merriweather to her stepmother, explaining what she has done and where she is going. You may also want to include some questions that Merriweather may want the answers to. Use this chapter to help you.	
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why was Ned's face 'alive with excitement' when he woke Merriweather up? How did Merriweather know that the men did not know of Captain Flint's imminent arrival? Give three differences between the captain and the other men he arrived with. How long ago did the general move on from Oxford? Many characters have mentioned the word 'intelligence'. What do they mean by this? How can you tell that Captain Flint is of high rank? How do the other rebels act around him? 		HISTORY: This chapter is set on 11 June 1645. Create a time-line of the key events of the civil war up until this point.



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10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain how Ned ended up with Corporal Shine and his rebel soldiers. Why did Ned think that Merriweather was from a wealthy family? Where did Merriweather's inspiration for her bird's name come from? What is meant by the phrase 'swear allegiance'? What do you think Captain Flint would have done if Merriweather had told him the truth? Use evidence to support your answer. Look at page 96. What do you think Captain Flint's opinion of Shine is? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. 	Write a letter as Ned to his parents, explaining what has happened on his journey and why he is taking longer than expected.	<p>HISTORY: Ned mentions that he thinks Merriweather is 'proper fancy'. How was life different for rich and poor people during this time?</p> <p>GEOGRAPHY: Look at a map of Britain from the time the book is set. Can you plot where Merriweather has travelled so far? Can you find Leicester and plan a route to get there? Can you find where Ned says he lived?</p>
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did Merriweather know that it was approximately noon? Suggest how the men felt about Flint telling them they would be taking a break. Use evidence to support your answer. Who were the men referring to when they spoke about the 'preacher'? What do you think the 'worn, leather-bound book' was? <i>Heaving a sigh, Merriweather trudged after him.</i> What does this suggest about how she felt? Why do you think she felt this way? 		



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12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did Merriweather feel when Ned lifted her from the horse? How do you know? Look at page 108. How does the author show that the men are friends with each other? Find and copy evidence. Look at page 111 and 112. Has this changed your impression of Captain Flint? Explain why using evidence from the text. Explain why Flint called his dog Touchstone. Flint says that his dog 'can sniff out the bad in a man'. Does Touchstone think Merriweather is bad? How do you know? Do you agree with his judgement? Why? Ned says that Shine has a 'honey-coated tongue'. What does he mean by this? 	Write a set of instructions on how to create a fire that Merriweather could follow. Remember to be precise when writing each step.	
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at page 120. How do you know that Touchstone does not like Shine? What is Flint expecting the men to do whilst he is gone? How did Shine manage to persuade the other men to raid the farmhouse they had passed? Look at page 123. Find and copy a phrase that shows Ned was unsure about whether he should go with the men to raid the farmhouse. Why would Merriweather feel 'hope-filled' when she thought nobody would answer the door? 	Write the next chapter of the story. What do you think Jeames is going to do? What do you think Merriweather will do? Will she be able to prevent the men from hurting or stealing from the family?	PSHE: Merriweather faces a difficult decision in this chapter: whether to take part in the raid or not. Do you think she made the right decision? What would you do? What would be the right thing to do?



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14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you think the men did to the family? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. <i>A ball of hot liquid shot up Merriweather's throat.</i> What does this mean? Do you think Shine will share what they have stolen like he promised? Explain why you think this using evidence from the text. How does the author show that Ned is shocked by Merriweather's true story? Why had her father named her Merriweather? Ned calls himself a coward. Do you agree with this? Use evidence to support your opinion. 	Write a newspaper article reporting what happened to the family. What details would a reporter know? Make sure to only include that information.	
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why do you think Merriweather left the coins on the doorstep of the farmhouse? Who were the two men that found Merriweather when she fell off the horse? What was the evidence that Jeames had to prove that Merriweather was hiding her true identity? Look at page 149. Why did Merriweather 'lower her gaze'? Explain why Merriweather being friends with Merlin made the situation worse. What were the possible consequences if Merriweather could not convince General Fairfax? 	Write a speech for Merriweather for when she has to persuade General Fairfax to believe her.	



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16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggest why Merriweather pulled her cloak tight around herself. Why was Merriweather unable to shout for help? What do you think the 'cry of a wild animal' was? Explain why you think this using evidence from the text. What did the different-coloured strips of cloth inside Shine's coat represent? Why does Merriweather worry about the idea of the Compton Blaize treasure? Do you think Corporal Webster will come back? Justify your opinion using evidence from the text. 		
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why did Merriweather not believe Shine when he said Webster had deserted? Look at the bottom of page 168. Find and copy a word that shows the two horses were attached to each other. <i>She was lucky to have such a true and loyal friend.</i> What is meant by the word <i>loyal</i>? How did Ned manage to find Merriweather? Find and copy a piece of evidence that shows Ned was embarrassed about not being able to read the letter. 	<p>Write the next chapter. What do you think will happen next now that Shine has found Ned too?</p> <p>Write the letter that Captain Flint gave Ned to take with him to General Fairfax. What do you think he would say to the general? Think about the level of formality he would use.</p>	<p>PSHE: Merriweather says that Merlin has been a true and loyal friend. What qualities would you expect to find in a good friend? Based on your list, would you say that Ned is a good friend?</p>



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18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ned hesitated, then clenching his jaw, reluctantly gave up the paper.</i> What does this suggest about how Ned feels when he has to hand the letter over to Shine? Look at page 175. Find and copy a word that shows Shine believes Ned is a coward. What is Shine planning to do with Ned? Look at page 179. What is the 'unfortunate accident' that Shine is referring to? Find and copy evidence that shows the two sentries were shocked by Shine's accusations that Merriweather was a spy. 		<p>HISTORY: The letter given to Ned was written in code. Research the different ways people have used code in significant historical events. For example, you may wish to learn about the Enigma code during World War II.</p>
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did Shine feel about the possibility of having to fight in the battle? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. Why would the sentries assume that Shine was a soldier? What impression do you get of Prince Rupert based on this chapter? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. Name one rule that the commander of the attacking force should abide by when a place is under siege. How did Merriweather know that Ned was crying? 	Write a biography of Oliver Cromwell, using the information gathered during your research.	<p>HISTORY: Who was Oliver Cromwell, the lieutenant-general mentioned in the chapter? Research his life and significant achievements. What impact did he have?</p>



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20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>A bunch of travel-worn women and other camp-followers stood huddled nearby.</i> What does the word <i>huddled</i> suggest about how they are standing? Look at page 190. Find and copy a word that shows the horses were moving quickly. <i>There must have been thousands of them, all advancing like a great black tide . . .</i> What does this description suggest about how they were moving? At what time of day are they travelling? 		<p>HISTORY: The battle that Merriweather is describing is called the Battle of Naseby. Research the key events of the battle and the aftermath.</p> <p>GEOGRAPHY: Can you find the location of the battle on a map? How far is it from the other areas already identified earlier in the book?</p>
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did Merriweather know that this was where the main action was taking place? What does the author's description of the Royalist soldiers as 'a bristling sea' suggest about how many there are? How did Merriweather identify that one of the Royalist soldiers was the King? What impression do you get of King Charles from this chapter? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. How did Merriweather know that Ned was also affected by what he had seen? Find and copy evidence that suggests Ned is caring. Look at page 203. Explain why Merriweather was angry about what she saw. 	<p>Write a biography about King Charles using the information you gathered whilst researching.</p> <p>Write a newspaper article about the battle. Choose whether you will write from a rebel or Royalist perspective.</p>	<p>HISTORY: Research the monarch of this period of time, King Charles. Make sure to find information about his early life and his significant achievements.</p>



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22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How had Shine woken Merriweather up? Give three examples of things the rebel soldiers were doing now that the battle was over. What was Oliver Cromwell's nickname? Why did the news of the King not being captured yet please Merriweather? What is your impression of Oliver Cromwell based on this chapter? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. 	Write what happens next. Do you think Cromwell will believe her?	HISTORY: Research the Battle of Marston Moor and the key events that led up to it.
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did Cromwell know Merriweather's father? <i>Merriweather prickled at the slight . . .</i> What does this suggest about how Merriweather feels about her stepmother? Look at page 222. Find and copy a piece of evidence that shows Merriweather was desperate to convince Cromwell. How did Merriweather manage to free herself? Who do you think has found Merriweather at the end of the chapter? 		
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who was it that had found Merriweather when she escaped? Why do you think Merriweather was surprised when Ned fought the sentry? 		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is Ned planning to do after giving Hazel to Merriweather? How did Merriweather know that the men she saw were Royalist prisoners? Describe how Merriweather felt when she realized one of the prisoners was her father. Use evidence from the text to support your answer. Find and copy evidence that shows Merriweather's father cares a lot for her. 	Now that we know Ned had seen Merriweather get knocked unconscious and then had to fight a sentry, write a chapter from his perspective, detailing what happened from when he last saw Merriweather.	
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How was Merriweather able to find her way home? Why did seeing the flock of jackdaws upset Merriweather? Look at page 237. Find and copy two pieces of evidence that suggest it had rained a lot. Describe how Merriweather felt when she first saw the house again. Use evidence from the text to support your answer. How do Merriweather's feelings change once she sees the ground around the house? Who do you think Lady Ellinor thought Merriweather was at first? Use evidence to support your answer. Were you surprised by Lady Ellinor's reaction when she knew Merriweather was safe? Explain why. 		GEOGRAPHY: Merriweather uses a compass to find her way home. Discuss how these are used to help people find their way. Complete a 'treasure hunt' around the school grounds using a compass as a guide.



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26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put these events in the order that they happened: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Merriweather ate a bowl of vegetable pottage. She tells them everything that has happened. Merriweather has a bath. She gets changed into a dress of grey wool. Merriweather reaches her room. How has the relationship between Merriweather and her stepmother changed since the beginning of the book? Use evidence to support your answer. Why did Merriweather leave Hazel by the river rather than sending someone to get her? For what reason was the lead being taken from the roof? Look at page 251. Name three things Merriweather saw people doing as she made her way across the cobbles. Give two ways the sulphurous smoke made things more challenging. 	Write the next chapter. What do you think will happen next? Do you think they will be able to prevent the rebels from taking Compton Blaize?	
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What part of the house was damaged at the beginning of the chapter? How were the children helping to prevent rebels climbing on to the battlements? Look at page 261. Find and copy a word that shows the sounds of the battle were loud. <i>The only thing visible was the shadowy outline of the</i> 		



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	<p><i>Compton Blaize lion, its stone head held high, its jaws fixed in a defiant roar.</i> What is meant by the word <i>defiant</i> in this sentence?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find and copy a piece of evidence that shows Lady Ellinor is selfless. Look at page 267. Why do you think Lady Ellinor changed her mind about trying to convince Merriweather not to stay with her? Who has found Merriweather at the end of the chapter? 		
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did Merriweather know that Lady Ellinor had been taken too? Explain how Jeames and Shine were able to make their way into Compton Blaize. For what reasons did Merriweather decide not to take Shine further into the cellars or into the main house? Find and copy evidence that shows Shine's childhood was difficult. How did Shine become familiar with the ways of a preacher? 		
29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did Shine know that the defenders of Compton Blaize had surrendered? Look at page 280. How does the author show that 		



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	<p>Merriweather is panicking? Give two examples.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who came to save Merriweather? Give one piece of evidence that suggests Flint is protective of Merriweather. Explain how Captain Flint was able to convince Cromwell that he was innocent. <i>Though I wonder if the real treasure of Compton Blaize isn't sitting before me?</i> What is Flint referring to when he talks about <i>the real treasure</i>? 	<p>Write a newspaper article from the perspective of the rebels, sharing the King's correspondence that Flint mentioned.</p>	
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Were Merriweather's family able to keep their home? Who was the boy that Agnes had answered the door to? How can you tell that Agnes is wary of Ned? Find and copy two pieces of evidence that show Ned and Merriweather are now good friends. Look at page 301. What evidence is there that Lady Ellinor had been rushing to share the letter with Merriweather? 	<p>What do you think the message from London said? Write the letter and include information about whether Merriweather's father is alive and what has happened to him.</p>	<p>HISTORY: Research what happened after the Battle of Naseby and for the rest of the civil war. Was the King caught?</p>
31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On what conditions can Merriweather's father be released? Why did Ned want to leave at that moment and not stay the night? How did Merriweather's father ensure that enemies would not be able to find the location of the 'special treasure'? 	<p>Write a book review, making sure to identify who you think may like the book, your thoughts on the characters and your favourite part.</p>	



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- Why do you think the author used ellipses when talking about Merriweather trying to remove the velvet pouch?
- What was the 'special treasure' that Merriweather's father had been referring to? Why would he refer to it as 'special'?
- Do you think that the Pryce family will return to Compton Blaize?

