

# Response

Explain the meaning of each of these quotations from *Maniac Magee*.

- Chapter 1:** "Never again to return to the house of two toasters."
- Chapter 3:** "It's where I'm from, not where I am."
- Chapter 7:** "...McNab could already feel his strikeout record fading to a mere grain in the sandlot of history."
- Chapter 12:** "Mars Bar did not stop till he was inside Maniac's phone booth of space..."
- Chapter 15:** "But everything did not love him back."
- Chapter 19:** "If the Wonders of the World hadn't stopped at seven, Cobble's Knot would have been number eight."
- Chapter 20:** "...because he knew he was finally facing a knot that would stand up and fight, a worthy opponent."
- Chapter 23:** "The shower needles stung his scratches, but it was a good, welcome-back-to-town stinging."
- Chapter 25:** "God musta fainted."
- Chapter 26:** "Stiff, crooked fingers that grappled clumsily with Krimpet wrappers curled naturally around the shape of a baseball."
- Chapter 27:** "Why, you could go through twenty words without bumping into some of the shyer consonants, but it seemed as if you couldn't tiptoe past a syllable without waking up a vowel."
- Chapter 27:** "His smile was so wide he'd have had to break it into sections to fit it through a doorway."
- Chapter 29:** "For most of November, winter toyed with Two Mills, whispered in its ear, tickled it under the chin. On Thanksgiving Thursday, winter kicked it in the stomach."
- Chapter 31:** "Within an hour or two, the holiday would come bounding down the stairs and squealing 'round the tinselled trees of Two Mills."
- Chapter 33:** "No one else would orphan him."
- Chapter 39:** "During the night, March doubled back and grabbed April by the scruff of the neck and flung it another week or two down the road."
- Chapter 40:** "How could he act as a father to these boys when he himself ached to be somebody's son?"
- Chapter 41:** "But the East Enders stayed in the east and the West Enders stayed in the west, and the less they knew about each other, the more they invented."
- Chapter 46:** "He knew that finally, truly, at long last, someone was calling him home."
- Teacher Note:** Choose an appropriate number of quotes for your students.