

## *Calico Captive*

Answer the following questions as you read the book! Enjoy!

Chapters 1-3

1. Where did Miriam get her calico dress? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How are Miriam and Susanna related? \_\_\_\_\_

3. "I hate Number Four" remarked Miriam. What is she talking about?  
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4. Tell about Miriam's sleeping conditions in the Johnsons' cabin. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Why didn't Miriam escape from the cabin when she had the chance?  
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6. How many people were captured in the raid on the Johnson family? \_\_\_\_

7. Who was Scoggins? Why did the Indians want him to join the group?  
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8. Tell about Miriam's sleeping conditions while captured by the Indians.  
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9. Why did Miriam despise the younger Indian boy so much? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. What did the Johnsons name the baby that was born on the trails?  
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11. What was unusual about the Indians' behavior after the baby was born? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What does James think the Indians are going to do with their captives? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Chapter 4

1. Which child is enjoying the trip with the Indians? Why?  
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2. James corrects Miriam for saying bad things against the Indians. What does he say in their defense? \_\_\_\_\_
3. On the seventh day of the capture, what does Miriam realize?  
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4. What courageous act does Miriam perform? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What examples do you see of the Indians caring for the English even though they are prisoners? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Who is Mehkoa and why does Miriam hate him so? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Chapter 5

1. What did the Indians do to them before they took them into their village? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What kind of reputation does Saint Francis have? \_\_\_\_\_

3. How is Miriam treated differently than the others? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Why do we find out about Mehkoa's plans? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How are the children being treated? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What is so strange about the priest's presence? \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter 6

1. How long had they stayed at St. Francis before the Grand Council?

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2. What did the necklace of rare and valuable purple wampum given to Miriam from Mehkoa mean? \_\_\_\_\_

3. How did Miriam respond? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What does this mean from Mehkoa and for Miriam and her family?

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5. How do they treat Miriam differently? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Why is Sylvanus excited? \_\_\_\_\_

7. What has James convinced the Indians to do? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Who is left behind? \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 7

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1. What happens to them when they get to Montreal? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. When Miriam tries to see herself in the eyes of the French women, what does she look like? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who is Miriam's only friend? \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 8

1. What is Miriam required to do at her new home? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Describe Felicite. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chapter 9

1. What happens when Hortense and Miriam go to town to shop?  
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2. What man rescues her from the soldiers' harsh treatment?  
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3. What does Miriam discover about Polly? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chapter 10

1. Why is Miriam permitted to see Polly? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What does Felicite like to do with Miriam (against her mother's wishes)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What are the living arrangements for little Susanna? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What does Miriam do that she thinks her sister and brother-in-law would not like? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Chapter 11

1. Who shows up in this chapter in a French silk dress? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What sad news does she bring? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What arrangements have been made with the Governor? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What did the French do to insure James's return? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. How does this change the way Miriam is treated? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What disappointing thing does Miriam do when her status changes?

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7. What talent do you discover Miriam has? \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter 12

1. How do Felicite and her mom react when they see Miriam and Susanna in their dresses? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What man pays special attention to Miriam and why is it a problem?

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3. What trick does Laroche play on Miriam? \_\_\_\_\_

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Chapter 13

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1. What is the reason that Madame and Felicite are angry? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What is the option they give Susanna? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why are the ladies in danger? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What do they say has happened to James? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chapter 14

1. Who takes them in? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many children does Hortense's mother have? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What does Susanna ask to do that helps out and comforts her?  
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4. How did the people in the community feel about Susanna and Miriam?  
Support your answer with examples.  
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5. Who comes by and is able to give Miriam some money? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What would be a good title for this chapter? \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 15

1. Why does Miriam buy paper and a small pot of ink? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Why does Miriam swallow her pride and go the Madame? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What bluff does she use and does it work? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What will Miriam and Susanna become? \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter 16

1. Why is Susanna in despair? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What does the Mayor's wife demand from Susanna? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Who is Alphonsine? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Where is Polly found? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Who found Polly? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What caused Susanna to say, ".....I shall never doubt His goodness again." \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Chapter 17

1. What does Pierre say is the difference between the way the French and the English treat the Indians? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Who does Miriam see in the crowd of boys? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What hard decision does Miriam have to make in this chapter? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Chapter 18

1. Who returned on June 1<sup>st</sup>? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What does James talk about that lets them know that there will soon be fighting? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What does Susanna say they must do before they can leave?  
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4. Who does Miriam get a letter from? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Why did Miriam send a letter to Pierre Laroche asking him to come to her? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. How did Miriam get the letter delivered to Pierre? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Chapter 19

1. What did Miriam want Pierre to do for her? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Pierre was able to get James's letter sent to Albany. Who did he persuade to take it? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the letter about? \_\_\_\_\_
4. God sometimes speaks to us by using *red flags*. He lets us know in our heart that *something is not quite right* about a relationship or something in which we are involved. What *red flag* do you see in Miriam's relationship with Pierre?  
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## Chapter 20

*"Always Hortense had given. Now, unexpectedly, here in her hands was something to give.....a perfect wedding present."*

Explain the quote. Give specific information. (Who? What? Why? etc.)

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## Chapter 21

1. Why was Miriam called to fix Felicite's dress? (What had happened to her dress?) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Who did Miriam meet on the way home from the Du Quesnes' home?

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3. Why did Miriam decide to dance with Pierre Laroche? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter 22

1. What does Pierre ask Miriam? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why was Miriam disappointed? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What does Miriam ask him before he leaves? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What did Pierre's father think of Miriam? \_\_\_\_\_

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