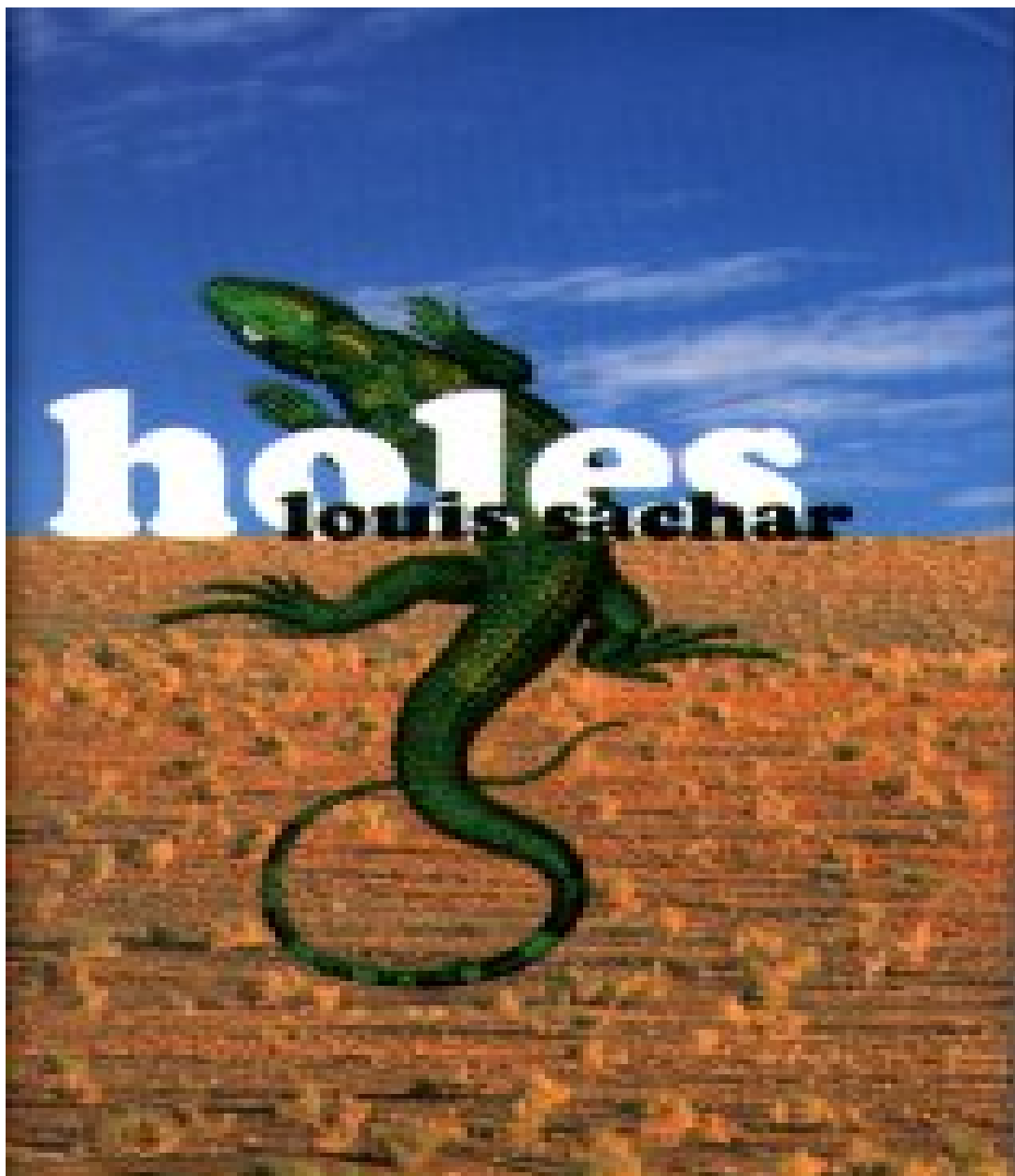


PREP CLASS SUMMER READER READING GUIDE

# HOLES

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# **CHARACTERS**

Make a list of the characters in the story and give a short description of each one to help you remember them:

## **PAGES 3 – 40**

**Chapter 1** – Describe Camp Green Lake

What happens if a camper gets bitten by a yellow-spotted lizard?

**Chapter 2** – What can turn a bad boy into a good boy?

**Chapter 3** – Who does Stanley blame for his getting arrested?

Why does he blame him?

What was Stanley's father trying to invent?

**Chapter 4** – Why does Mr. Sir eat so many sunflower seeds?

Why are there no guard towers or fences at Camp Green Lake?

**Chapter 5** – What are the boys’ real names and their nicknames?

What is Mr. Pendanski’s nickname?

**Chapter 6** – Why did Stanley get into trouble?

**Chapter 7** – What does Stanley compare the lake to? Why?

What will happen to the boys if they find something the Warden likes?

What did Madame Zeroni tell Elya to do to the piglet and what would happen?

What does Madame Zeroni request from Elya after he gives the piglet? What will happen if he doesn’t do this?

Why does Elya not do what Madame Zeroni requested?



**THINK ABOUT IT.....**

Imagine you are a new camper arriving at Camp Green Lake. What would your reaction be?

Do you believe in curses? Why or why not?

Do you think that digging a hole everyday will turn a bad boy into a good boy? Why or why not?

**PAGES 41 – 91**

**Chapter 8** – What do yellow-spotted lizards like to eat?

**Chapter 9** – What nickname did the boys give Stanley?

Why is the recreation room called the 'wreck room'?

Who does Stanley write a letter to?

What questions does Zero ask Stanley about the shoes?

**Chapter 10** – How does Stanley feel his second day at camp?

**Chapter 11** – What does X-Ray tell Stanley to do if he finds something?

**Chapter 12** – What does Zero say he likes doing?

**Chapter 13** – What does Stanley find? Describe it.

Who hasn't Stanley seen since he's been at Camp Green Lake?

**Chapter 14** – Describe the Warden.

**Chapter 15** – What does the Warden have the boys do?

What is the REAL reason Stanley believes they're digging holes?

**Chapter 16** – How do some of the boys treat Stanley now?

**Chapter 17** – How does the Warden's behavior towards the boys change when they still

haven't found something?

**Chapter 18** – What does Zero ask Stanley to do?

Why does Stanley tell Zero 'no'?

**Chapter 19** – What does Magnet steal?

Why does Stanley get in trouble for it?

**Chapter 20** – What is the Warden's secret ingredient for her nail polish?

What does the Warden do to Mr. Sir? Why?



# Pondering.....

Stanley gives what he finds to X-Ray and also takes all the blame for stealing Mr. Sir's sunflower seeds. Why do you think he does this?

Do you agree with Stanley's idea that the boys are digging holes to look for something? Why or why not?

## **PAGES 92 – 144**

**Chapter 21** – Who was Stanley's great-grandfather robbed by?

What does Zero do for Stanley?

**Chapter 22** – What does Zero tell Stanley about the sneakers?

What does Stanley offer to do for Zero?

What will Zero do for Stanley?

What does Stanley realize about the object he had found?

**Chapter 23** – What was Green Lake like 100 years ago?

What did Miss Katherine make that was so good?

Who was Miss Katherine? Describe her.

Who was after Miss Katherine?

**Chapter 24** – What does Mr. Sir do to Stanley?

**Chapter 25** – Who was Sam?

What does Sam say about raw onions?

What do Katherine and do that makes Hattie Parker very upset? Why does upset her?

**Chapter 26** – What is the town going to do to Sam? Why?

What hasn't happened since Sam and Mary Lou were shot and killed at Green Lake?

What did Miss Katherine do?

**Chapter 27** – How do the other boys react to Zero helping Stanley dig his hole?

What is Zero's real name? Why is the connection to Stanley?

**Chapter 28** – What was Green Lake like when Kate Barlow returned 20 years later?

What does Kate tell Trout and Linda they will never find?

How does Kate Barlow die?

**Chapter 29** – What does Stanley see when the lightning flashes?

Where did his great-grandfather say he found refuge after Kate Barlow robbed him?

**Chapter 30** – What does Stanley realize about Kate Barlow and his great-grandfather?

What happens between ZigZag and Stanley? Who helps Stanley?

What does Zero do to Mr. Pendanski? Then what does he do?

**Chapter** – What does the Warden want Mr. Pendanski to do after Zero doesn't return?

Why does Mr. Pendanski think that no one will miss Zero? (Hector Zeroni)



**This may hurt.....**

Briefly summarize the story about Kate Barlow.

How is Stanley connected to Kate Barlow?

How is Stanley connected to Zero (Hector Zeroni)?

Who is the Warden and what do you think she is looking for?

## **PAGES 145 – 197**

**Chapter 32** – Why did Twitch come to Camp Green Lake?

Stanley stole Mr. Sir's truck to go look for Zero. What happened? Where did Stanley go?

**Chapter 33** – Stanley saw something scary in one of the holes. What was it?

**Chapter 34** - What was the mysterious object that Stanley saw?

**Chapter 35** – Who did Stanley find?

What is sploosh?

**Chapter 36** – Where are Zero and Stanley going?

What keeps happening to Zero?

What is Stanley scared of more than dying?

**Chapter 37** – What does Stanley think must be close if there are weeds and bugs?

**Chapter 38** – What two things does Stanley find?

**Chapter 39** – What does Zero confess to Stanley?

**Chapter 40** – What is helping Zero?

**Chapter 41** – Why did Zero take the shoes?

Why did he get arrested?

**Chapter 42** – Why is Stanley happy?

**Chapter 43** – Where are Stanley and Zero going?

What happened to Zero's mother?

**Chapter 44** – Why do Stanley and Zero start digging in one of the holes?

What do they find?

Who finds the boys?



# Think, think, think....

Do you think Stanley made the right decision to go look for Zero? Would you have done the same thing? Why or why not?

What does Zero confess about the shoes that Stanley got in trouble for stealing?

## **PAGES 204 – 233**

**Chapter 45** – What does the Warden want? The suitcase

What is in the hole with Stanley and Zero? Yellow-spotted lizards

**Chapter 46** – Who came to get Stanley the day before? His attorney

**Chapter 47** – Who arrives at the camp? Stanley’s attorney and the Texas Attorney General

What does the Warden say about the suitcase? That it’s hers and Stanley stole it

Whose name is on the suitcase? Stanley Yelnats

**Chapter 48** – Why won’t Stanley leave? Because he doesn’t want to leave Zero

**Chapter 49** – Why did the yellow-spotted lizards not bite Stanley and Zero?

They had eaten lots of onions and the lizards don’t like onion blood

What did Stanley’s father invent? A foot odor spray

What begins to happen at Green Lake after Stanley and Zero leave?

It begins to rain

**Chapter 50** – Why should the reader think that the curse was lifted? Because a Yelnats finally carried a

Zeroni up the mountain to drink the water

How much money do Stanley and Zero each get? A little under one million dollars

Who makes a commercial for Stanley's father's foot odor spray? Clyde Livingston

Who do you think is sitting behind Zero and singing the song? His grandmother

## Let's review.....



Why did Stanley go to Camp Green Lake?

Why are boys digging holes at Camp Green Lake?

Who is Kate Barlow?

How is Stanley connected to Kate Barlow and Zero?

How did Zero and Stanley survive on the mountain?

What happens after Zero and Stanley find the suitcase?

Why was Stanley's family curse lifted?



All Done!

Get yourself a  
treat!!

**DON'T FORGET!! You will have a quiz when you come back, don't lose this!!!!**