

# STIG OF THE DUMP

## Guided Reading Questions and Activities

### Chapter 5: The Snargets

#### Day 1 (AF2)

1. How did Barney know there were people in the pit?
2. What did grown-ups always say about the Snargets?
3. Who did the Snargets think was throwing dirt at them?
4. What did the Snargets say they were called to Barney?
5. What 3 gifts did the Snarget brothers bring for Stig?

**Challenge:** Explain the events in Chapter 5 from Stig's point of view.

#### Day 2 (AF3)

1. Why was Barney throwing dirt at the Snargets?
2. Why do you think Barney ran to Stig's den?
3. Why did Barney hesitate when he was given the cigarette?
4. What did the Snargets think of Stig's den?
5. Why do you think the Snargets have a very different accent to Barney?

**Challenge:** Why might the Snargets have called themselves Robin Hood, William Tell and Lone Ranger?

#### Day 3 (AF4/5)

1. What is horseplay?
2. Why has the author written The Snargets speech using unusual spellings?
3. What words does the author use to show that the Snargets are nervous when they are speaking to Stig?
4. What phrase does Barney use at the end of the chapter to show that he now likes the Snargets?

**Challenge:** In your opinion, what are the three most powerful adjectives in this chapter?

#### Day 4 (AF6/7)

1. Think about the name 'Snarget'. Why do you think the author chose that name for the boys?
2. When Stig is standing over the trapped Snarget, what is the reader expecting?
3. What is the most tense point in this chapter?

**Challenge:** How does the reader's opinion of the Snargets change through the chapter?



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1. Barney knew there were people in the pit because he could hear their voices.
2. The grown-ups always said that the Snargets were "getting into trouble".
3. The Snargets thought 'Old Albert' was throwing mud at them.
4. The Snargets named themselves the Lone Ranger, Robin Hood and William Tell.
5. The Snargets bought Stig Jelly Babies, sherbet and Woodbine cigarettes.

**Challenge:** Stig would have been shocked when Barney ran into his den. He would have been alarmed when the Snarget came into his den, but did not wish to hurt them. He would have been amazed by the sweets; he probably had never tasted sugar before. He may have even enjoyed eating the cigarettes!

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1. Barney may have thrown dirt at the Snargets because they were in his pit and because they had a bad reputation.
2. Barney ran to Stig's den for safety.
3. Barney hesitated when given a cigarette because he had not tried one before and knew that it was wrong for children to smoke.
4. The Snargets loved Stig's den because of all the amazing things inside, especially the spears.
5. The Snargets have a different accent to Barney to show that they are from a different social class.

**Challenge:** The boys may have chosen the names Robin Hood and William tell because they are popular English folk heroes. Lone Ranger would have been chosen as this was a popular Wester TV show in the 1960s.

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1. Horseplay is another term for playfighting.
2. Clive King has used unusual spellings to show that the Snargets have a strong rural accent.
3. The author uses phrases such as, “eyes growing rounder and rounder”, and words such as, “gingerly”, to show that the Snargets are nervous.
4. Barney shows he likes the Snargets by saying, “I reckon they’re alright.”

**Challenge:** Students should look for adjectives that describe either the Snargets or Stig.

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1. Clive King may have chosen the name Snarget because it is an unpretty and rough name; like the boys. It is also similar to 'target', which is fitting as they are used as a target by Barney with his mud and society in general.
2. The reader expects Stig to attack the trapped Snarget.
3. The tensest points in the chapter may be when Barney fled from the Snargets or when Stig has the Sarget trapped.

**Challenge:** The reader's opinion of the Snargets changes throughout the chapter from a negative view to a positive one, largely based on their interactions with Stig.