



The Luck of Roaring Camp

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Answers to Book activities

- 1-2 Open answers
- 3 Because the men at Roaring Camp had good luck and bad luck. The baby brought good luck, they thought. But luck comes and goes. The baby came and the baby went. The river brought gold and good luck. But the river also took it away.
- 4 a cabin b female c took care of d cigars e gold f luck g camp h held
- 5 a signal b judge c collector d passenger e coach f galloping
- 6 a yes b yes c yes d no e yes f yes g no h yes (the answers are in the dictionary)
- 7 deck, gamblers, organ, portrait
- 8 Good things: When Sophy wants to die, he stops her. He pays for her school. He sends her money. He finds a room for her at Aunt Chloe's house. He buys things for her. He plays the organ well.
Bad things: He is a gambler. He likes married women. He tells stories about his family.
- 9 a They are gamblers. They are not married. They are not nice to women. They live dangerously.
b They are Negro women. They work or worked for white people. They help Sophy.
c They are sisters. They leave their families because they want to be with gamblers. They feel sad when Jack leaves.
- 10 Open answers
- 11 Jack wants Sophy to be an artist, so he helped her. Sophy does his portrait because she likes Jack very much. But, it brings him bad luck when Mrs. Camperly sees it in the store window. Sophy meets her sister again because the portrait brings her to Aunt Chloe's house.
- 12-13 Open answers

Answers to Factsheet activities

Communicative activities

Activities before reading the book

Open answers

Student's activities

Activities before reading the book

1 Open answers

- 2
(a) and (b) = A Portrait of Jack Hamlin.
(c) and (f) = The Luck of Roaring Camp
(d) and (e) = Miss Mullins of the Sierras

Activities while reading the book

'The Luck of Roaring Camp'

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(a) Cherokee Sal	(iv) the baby's mother
(b) Stumpy	(v) the man who took care of the baby
(c) Kentuck	(ii) Stumpy's friend
(d) Jinny	(i) a horse
(e) Tom Luck	(iii) the baby

2 and 3

(a) Why did Stumpy help Cherokee Sal?	Because there were no other women at Roaring Camp.
(b) Why did the men stand up at the same time?	Because they heard the new baby's cry.
(c) Why did they give the baby horse's milk?	Because his mother died.
(d) Why did Stumpy put a hat by the baby's box?	Because he wanted money for the baby.
(e) Why did Kentuck's face turn red?	Because the baby caught his finger and held it.
(f) Why didn't they bring a woman to the camp to take care of the baby?	Because no good woman wanted to live there.
(g) Why did they call the baby 'Luck'?	Because it brought good luck to the camp.
(h) Why did the camp start to change?	Because Stumpy told the men to wash their hands, change their clothes and be quiet.
(i) Why were the men happy that summer?	Because they found a lot of gold.
(j) Why were the rivers dangerously full in the winter of 1851?	Because there was a lot of snow and it changed to water.
(k) Why didn't Stumpy leave Roaring Camp?	Because he said 'Water will bring gold here again.'

'Miss Mullins of the Sierras'

1 (a) Yuba	Bill
(b) Ramon	Martinez
(c) Judge	Thompson
(d) Miss	Mullins
(e) Eli	Hemmings
(f) Charley	Byng
(g) French	Pete

- 2 (a) False - Eli Hemmings doesn't have a daughter.
(b) True
(c) False
(d) It is not clear. Are they her dresses, or are the dresses the Martinez took from the woman near Dow's Flat?
(e) True
(f) It is not clear. She tells the men that Martinez is the name of a company but perhaps she knows the truth. She certainly lies about her name.
(g) True - but the judge married them in the name of Byng.

3

(a) Do you think Martinez and his men are out tonight?	(v) I didn't see Martinez or his men on the road tonight, but maybe they're out.
(b) But why didn't they come for us?	(i) Because they didn't see our lights.
(c) They're waiting for us up there now.	(ii) Do you want to put money on it?
(d) I saw you go across Galloper's Ridge.	(iii) How did you see us?
(e) Something strange happened tonight.	(ix) Why? What happened?
(f) Did you signal to somebody from the coach on Galloper's Ridge?	(iv) I did.
(g) Why did you signal to him?	(vii) I wanted him to know something.
(h) You're taking these things in your box to the other man?	(x) Yes, because he doesn't have any money.
(i) Does he have a job?	(xi) Yes, he's a collector.
(j) What company does he work for?	(vi) I think it's a Spanish company.
(k) Is he man one of Martinez's men?	(viii) Maybe yes, maybe no.

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- (a) coach
(b) things
(c) lover
(d) horses
(e) boxes
(f) gold
(g) passengers
(h) daughter
(i) wife
(j) men
(k) eyes
(l) man

'A Portrait of Jack Hamlin'

- 1 (a) False
(b) False - he will not come back
(c) True
(d) False
(e) True - but they had not met before
(f) False
(g) True perhaps - in fact, we discover later, it is true
(h) True
(i) False - he said that but it was true.
(j) False - Aunt Rachel has never met her.
- 2 Sophy definitely finds out:
(b) He can play the organ.
(c) He has two friends in Sacramento. She probably finds out:
(d) He was very sick once and Chloe took care of him.



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This is part of the narration on page 30 but on page 34 he says to Sophy ...or I'll get sick again and Aunt Chloe doesn't want that.

She definitely doesn't find out:

- (a) He is a gambler.
- (e) He wants to kill Stratton.
- (f) He goes around with women.

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(a) Sophy worked hard every day	(iv) and she sold some portraits.
(b) Hannibal told Sophy about Jack's life,	(xi) but she wasn't angry.
(c) Jack was happy about this	(vii) and wanted to see her in a month or two.
(d) Her husband didn't understand her	(v) and she wanted to be with Jack.
(e) Jack enjoyed Mr. Camperly's wife,	(x) but only for a short time.
(f) He was very happy and excited	(i) – almost a father on a visit to his child.
(g) Females want to look at something nice	(xii) when they sit for Sophy.
(h) Aunt Chloe made lunch for Jack and Sophy,	(ix) but Jack ate nothing.
(i) He's dead	(vi) and that's the end of the story.
(j) Sophy remembered her life at home	(ii) – before she left with Stratton.
(k) You left home	(viii) because you wanted to be an artist.
(l) One day she'll hear about you	(iii) – you'll be famous.

4 The correct order is:

Jack was sick again.

Jack felt better.

A doctor's wife wanted to see Jack.

The doctor's wife went up the river and looked for him.

The doctor's wife saw a portrait of Jack Hamlin in a store window.

The man in the store told the woman about the artist and the way to Aunt Chloe's house.

Aunt Chloe took the woman to Sophy's room.

Jack and Hannibal left Aunt Chloe's house.

Activities after reading the book

Open answers

