

*And Then There Were None*

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**\*This study guide is an optional assignment to help prepare you for the test that will be given the first week of school. This study guide WILL NOT be graded. It is a study aide only.\***

**\*In some later versions of the novel, the island the characters travel to is called Soldier Island instead of Indian Island. Also, the poem in the novel was changed from Ten Little Indians to Ten Little Soldiers. This does not change the plot or themes in the novel.\***

**\*Read Chapters 1-13 by the first day of school.\***

**Chapter 1:**

**Matching: Match the characters to the characteristics used to describe them. Put the letter in the space provided.**

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|-----------------------------|---|
| ___ 1. Mr. Justice Wargrave | A. Mr. Owen's butler                    |
| ___ 2. Vera Claythorne      | B. Devonshire ferryman                  |
| ___ 3. Mr. Phillip Lombard  | C. young man, strong, tanned            |
| ___ 4. Emily Brent          | D. ex C.I.D. man                        |
| ___ 5. General MacArthur    | E. old, reptilian judge                 |
| ___ 6. Dr. Armstrong        | F. soldier of fortune                   |
| ___ 7. Anthony Marston      | G. ex-governess                         |
| ___ 8. Mr. Blore            | H. Mr. Owen's cook                      |
| ___ 9. Fred Narracott       | I. sixty-five year old stuffy lady      |
| ___ 10. Mr. Owen            | J. a physician                          |
| ___ 11. Miss Gabrielle Turl | K. rumored to have bought Indian Island |
| ___ 12. Mr. Rogers          | L. fought in the Great War (WWII)       |
| ___ 13. Mrs. Rogers         | M. the host                             |

**Chapter 2:**

**Completing the Sentences: Fill in the spaces with correct information.**

1. Nearly all of the characters received \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ inviting them to stay with him on Indian Island.
2. All of the characters arrive by train at \_\_\_\_\_ Station before heading to Indian Island.

3. Vera Claythorne gets her first real glimpse of Indian Island. It looks like a “\_\_\_\_\_ silhouetted rock with its faint resemblance to a giant \_\_\_\_\_. There was something \_\_\_\_\_ about it. She \_\_\_\_\_ faintly.”
4. Natal Davis’s real name is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. All of the characters have to take a \_\_\_\_\_ to get to Indian Island.

**True/False: Write T or F in the space provided.**

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Fred Narracott thought that the guests to Indian Island would have a great time sine they all seemed so similar to each other.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Owen personally greets each character when he/she arrives at his home.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Vera describes Mrs. Rogers as “frightened of her own shadow” and a “woman who walked in mortal fear.”
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. and Mrs. Rogers arrived on the island two days before the guests.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Vera believes that the guests are an “oddly assorted party.”
11. \_\_\_\_\_ The title of this book comes from a book that Vera finds on a dresser in her room.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ There are ten people at the Owen’s house.

**Chapter 3:**

**Write the letter of the BEST response in the space provided.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ At the beginning of this chapter, everyone was assembled in order to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Have dinner
  - b. Chat about their lives
  - c. Have tea
  - d. Be welcomed by Mr. Owen
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Read the following information and then answer the question:

*When Vera Claythorne entered her room upon arrival at the Owen’s house, she read a poem that was on the wall about ten Indians, and how each one dies. Also, at dinner where everyone was gathered, there were ten Indian statues on a round table in the center of the room.*

What is the significance of the Indians to the characters at this point in the novel?

- a. There are a total of ten people in the house, and there are ten Indians.
  - b. The Indians are like the characters because they are in a sense like Mr. Owen’s guests.
  - c. Each of the Indians looks like each one of the characters.
  - d. None of the above.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ What bizarre happening occurs while the guests are eating dinner?
  - a. Mr. Owen arrives and tells them that they must leave at once.

- b. The house accidentally goes on fire when oil spills in the kitchen and ignites the curtains.
  - c. A harsh, loud voice calls out the names of each guest and convicts him/her of having committed a murder.
  - d. General McArthur suddenly drops dead from a fatal heart attack.
4. \_\_\_\_ Refer to #3 – How do the characters react to this bizarre occurrence?
- a. They are all petrified and want to know what the voice was and where it came from.
  - b. Some guests run out of the house while a few try to stop the flames.
  - c. Dr. Armstrong tries to help General MacArthur but to no avail.
  - d. They are angry that Mr. Owen made them travel so far and now he is asking them to leave.
5. \_\_\_\_ What happened to Mrs. Rogers when the bizarre occurrence took place?
- a. She ran for help
  - b. She fainted
  - c. She performed CPR
  - d. She screamed
6. \_\_\_\_ What did the characters discover was the source of the voice?
- a. It was Mr. Justice Wargrave speaking from an adjacent room.
  - b. It as a ghost.
  - c. It was a record that was on a gramophone.
  - d. It was just the wind.
7. \_\_\_\_ Who admitted that he/she was responsible for the voice?
- a. Mr. Rogers said that Mr. Owen asked him to do it.
  - b. Fred Narracott played a recording from outside the window.
  - c. Mrs. Emily Brent said that Captain Lombard, dressed like a ghost, did it from another room.
  - d. None of the above
8. Mr. Rogers tells General MacArthur some surprising news about his relationship with Mr. Owen. What does he tell him?
- a. He and Mr. Owen are brothers.
  - b. Mr. Owen is his father.
  - c. Mr. Owen is a criminal.
  - d. He's never met Mr. Owen before.
9. What do all the guest decide to do to figure out more about their host, Mr. Owen?
- a. They decide to go into town to find out more about him from the locals.
  - b. They call the police.
  - c. They decide to pool their information (letters they received) to find out how they all came to be there.
  - d. All of the above
10. What information does Mr. Blore tell the guests at the end of Chapter 3?
- a. He's an ex C.I.D. man and Mr. Owen hired him to keep an eye on all of the guests.
  - b. He was the one who created the voice.
  - c. He is Mr. Owen.
  - d. He is a dangerous homicidal lunatic.

## Chapter 4

### Vocabulary: Match each word with the correct definition.

- \_\_\_\_ 1. Credentials                      a. unable to think or express one's thoughts in a clear manner

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|-------------------|--|
| ___ 2. Incoherent | b. a disorderly disturbance                                    |
| ___ 3. Epistolary | c. a scene of noise and confusion                              |
| ___ 4. Tumult     | d. that which entitles one to confidence, credit, or authority |
| ___ 5. Babel      | e. punishable  |
| ___ 6. Penal      | f. being in the form of a letter                               |

### Study Guide Questions

1. \_\_\_ What is the one thing that the guests know about their host/hostess?
  - a. He/she owns the house.
  - b. He/she knows personal details about each guest.
  - c. He/she knows how to write well.
  - d. He/she invites guests to the island regularly.
2. \_\_\_ How did Justice Wargrave “murder” Edward Seton?
  - a. He poisoned him.
  - b. He hired someone to murder Seton.
  - c. By verdict of the jury.
  - d. By lethal injection.
3. \_\_\_ Of what is Vera Claythorne guilty?
  - a. Murdering her sister
  - b. Cheating on her husband
  - c. Lying to her boss
  - d. Drowning a child
4. \_\_\_ Who ran over two kids in Cambridge?
  - a. General MacArthur
  - b. Vera Claythorne
  - c. Anthony Marston
  - d. Mrs. Rogers
5. \_\_\_ Of what crime is Dr. Armstrong accused?
  - a. Running over two children
  - b. Killing a patient during surgery
  - c. Poisoning his wife
  - d. Killing his best friend

### Chapter 5:

#### Vocabulary: Match each word with the correct definition.

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|---------------------|--|
| ___ 1. Asphyxiation | a. not supported by weight of evidence     |
| ___ 2. Predatory    | b. earnest in the observance in religion   |
| ___ 3. Capricious   | c. to suffocate or smother                 |
| ___ 4. Pious        | d. abrupt and curt in manner or speech     |
| ___ 5. Brusquely    | e. living by or preying on other organisms |

### Study Guide Questions:

1. \_\_\_\_ What happens to Marston?
  - a. Suicide
  - b. Cyanide poisoning
  - c. Dies of asphyxiation
  - d. All of the above
  
2. \_\_\_\_ What does Rogers notice about the china figures?
  - a. One has appeared
  - b. One has disappeared
  - c. There are ten of them
  - d. They are shattered into pieces
  
3. \_\_\_\_ Why is Arthur Richmond put to death?
  - a. MacArthur found out that Richmond was interested in his wife.
  - b. Richmond died in a battle at war.
  - c. Richmond was executed for war crimes.
  - d. Richmond and MacArthur got into a deadly fight.
  
4. \_\_\_\_ Who is Hugo?
  - a. Marston's brother
  - b. Cyril's uncle
  - c. The murderer
  - d. Emily's husband
  
5. \_\_\_\_ What does Vera Claythorne determine when she can't sleep?
  - a. To take an overdose of her sleeping pills
  - b. That she doesn't want to die
  - c. That she will escape from the island
  - d. That she doesn't like any of the other guests

## Chapter 6

### Vocabulary: Match each word with the correct definition.

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| ____ 1. Taboo      | a. a porch or walkway                     |
| ____ 2. Terrace    | b. a ban or inhibition                    |
| ____ 3. Conscience | c. tender or romantic feeling             |
| ____ 4. Sentiment  | d. having slanting or sloping direction   |
| ____ 5. Oblique    | e. a source of moral or ethical judgement |

### Study Guide Questions:

1. \_\_\_\_ What happens to Mrs. Rogers the following morning of the guest's arrival?
  - a. She flees the island
  - b. She becomes very ill
  - c. She dies
  - d. She disappears
  
2. \_\_\_\_ Who is accused of Mrs. Roger's fate?
  - a. Mr. Rogers
  - b. Mr. Marston

- c. Mr. Blore
  - d. Mr. Armstrong
3. \_\_\_\_ Who do the Indian china figurines represent?
    - a. Mr. Marston
    - b. Mrs. Rogers
    - c. Mrs. Brent
    - d. The guests
  4. \_\_\_\_ Why is Fred Narracott important to the guests?
    - a. He is murderer
    - b. He serves as the butler
    - c. He operates the motorboat of supplies
    - d. He is Mr. Owen
  5. \_\_\_\_ General MacArthur believes what about the motorboat?
    - a. It has been in an accident
    - b. The operator of the boat forgot
    - c. It's too stormy for the boat to get to the island
    - d. The boat is not coming to the island

## Chapter 7

### Vocabulary: Match each word with the correct definition.

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|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| ____ 1. Acquiesced    | a. reflecting on a subject       |
| ____ 2. Condone       | b. a charge of wrongdoing        |
| ____ 3. Abandoned     | c. disregard; forgive            |
| ____ 4. Justice       | d. to consent, comply; cooperate |
| ____ 5. Speculatively | e. to leave; give up             |

### Study Guide Questions:

1. \_\_\_\_ Vera Claythorne could best be described as...
  - a. Unsympathetic
  - b. Greedy
  - c. Annoying
  - d. Kind
2. \_\_\_\_ What method does Dr. Armstrong feel was used to kill the old woman in Rogers' care?
  - a. Poison
  - b. Cyanide
  - c. Strangulation
  - d. Neglected to give medicine
3. \_\_\_\_ What do the "suspects" or "murderers" on Indian Island have in common?
  - a. They are fugitives
  - b. They are misfits
  - c. Their crimes can't be proven
  - d. They are related to each other
4. \_\_\_\_ Justice Wargrave could best be described as...

- a. Simple
  - b. Insightful
  - c. Honest
  - d. Secure
5. \_\_\_\_ What is the significance of each verse in the “Ten Little Indians” Poem?
- a. It explains the cause of each person’s death
  - b. It rhymes
  - c. It is fun to read
  - d. All the guests read it together

**Chapter 8:**

**Vocabulary: Match each word with the correct definition**

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|---------------------|---|
| ____ 1. Devoid      | a. filled with cavities, caverns                  |
| ____ 2. Countenance | b. a container for holding water or other liquids |
| ____ 3. Cisterns    | c. appearance; facial expression                  |
| ____ 4. Cavernous   | d. a portable cooking stove                       |
| ____ 5. Primus      | e. completely lacking                             |

**Study Guide Questions:**

1. \_\_\_\_ How does Lombard explain Marston’s death?
  - a. Someone snuck in his room at night
  - b. Marston committed suicide
  - c. Marston jumped into the ocean
  - d. Marston’s glass was tainted by someone outside the house
2. \_\_\_\_ Who is searching for the killer?
  - a. Blore, Brent, and Claythorne
  - b. MacArthur and Lombard
  - c. Blore, Armstrong, and Lombard
  - d. MacArthur, Rogers, and Armstrong
3. \_\_\_\_ Who is Leslie?
  - a. The General’s wife
  - b. A guest on the island
  - c. The killer
  - d. Armstrong’s wife
4. \_\_\_\_ What do the three men find in their search for the killer?
  - a. He is hiding in the caverns.
  - b. He is in the attic of the house.
  - c. There are only eight people left on the island.
  - d. The killer has left the island on a boat.
5. \_\_\_\_ What draws the small search party upstairs to the servant’s room?
  - a. A scream
  - b. The sound of footsteps
  - c. Rogers calls for them
  - d. A leak

## Chapter 9:

**Vocabulary: Use the context of the sentence to choose which vocabulary word best completes the sentence and place the letter of your choice on the line.**

- a. Malicious      b. enticing      c. acquiescent      d. corroborated      e. indignation

\_\_\_ 1. I know I should stay inside and work, but the warm weather and sunshine is \_\_\_\_\_ me to go outside.

\_\_\_ 2. She was \_\_\_\_\_ to his request to clean up his room and started right away to clear up some of the clutter.

\_\_\_ 3. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior was evident in his plan to destroy the project we all had taken so much time to complete.

\_\_\_ 4. He was ruled out as a suspect because his friend \_\_\_\_\_ his story.

\_\_\_ 5. She was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ when she was accused of being part of it.

### Study Guide Questions:

6. \_\_\_ How does Lombard explain his reason for bringing a gun?
- a. He never travels without a gun.
  - b. He knows he would have to protect himself
  - c. He wants revenge on Mr. U.N. Owen
  - d. He is being paid by Mr. U.N. Owen
7. \_\_\_ Which character discovers General MacArthur is dead?
- a. Mr. Rogers
  - b. Blore
  - c. Dr. Armstrong
  - d. Vera
8. \_\_\_ “Mr. U.N. Owen” is one of the guests on the island according to the search.
- a. True
  - b. False
9. \_\_\_ Based on evidence, who is ruled out as a possible suspect?
- a. Mr. Rogers
  - b. No one
  - c. Dr. Armstrong
  - d. Vera and Emily Brent
10. \_\_\_ All of the following is true of Justice Wargrave EXCEPT:
- a. He questions the guests about the circumstances.
  - b. He rules himself out as a possible offender.
  - c. He takes control over the situation.
  - d. He suggests all of the guests should be careful.

## Chapter 10:

**Vocabulary: Match the most fitting definition with the vocabulary word.**

- \_\_\_ 1. Grimace                      a. changed in shape, appearance, or nature

- \_\_\_ 2. Shrewdly                                b. done in a sneaky manner
- \_\_\_ 3. Tenacious                              c. determined; firm
- \_\_\_ 4. Surreptitiously                        d. done in a clever manner
- \_\_\_ 5. Transformed                          e. a twisting of the face

**Study Guide Questions:**

- 6. \_\_\_ All of the following groups of people discuss the recent events together EXCEPT:
  - a. Vera and Lombard
  - b. Blore and Rogers
  - c. Emily Brent and Wargrave
  - d. Armstrong and Wargrave
- 7. \_\_\_ The guests come to the conclusion that Beatrice Taylor is the murderer.
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 8. \_\_\_ Which is true of the guests?
  - a. They lock their bedroom doors.
  - b. They bring their dessert to the balcony.
  - c. They complain about the hot weather.
  - d. They say prayers praters for murdered victims.
- 9. \_\_\_ How does Mr. Rogers try to make sure that no more murders will take place?
  - a. He steals the bathroom curtain.
  - b. He locks all the guests in their bedrooms.
  - c. He moves the tins of meat to block the door.
  - d. He locks the doors leading to the Indian figurines.
- 10. \_\_\_ All of the guests are very sure of who is the murderer.
  - a. True
  - b. False

**Chapter 11**

**Vocabulary: Indicate the letter of the word that fits the definition.**

- a. Incomprehensible      b. unflinchingly      c. acquitted      d. efficient      e. persevering
- \_\_\_ 1. Done in an effective manner
- \_\_\_ 2. Done without wincing or shrinking back from pain
- \_\_\_ 3. Determined to be not guilty
- \_\_\_ 4. Persisting or continuing without giving up
- \_\_\_ 5. Incapable of being understood

**Study Guide Questions:**

- 6. \_\_\_ Why does Lombard suspect something is wrong in the morning?
  - a. The wind is howling strongly.
  - b. The alarm clock does not ring.

- c. The morning duties have not been started.
  - d. His door is found open.
7. \_\_\_\_ How is Mr. Rogers killed?
- a. The fire in the stove blazes out of control.
  - b. The wood falls on top of him.
  - c. He cuts his wrist with an Indian figurine.
  - d. He is hit from behind.
8. \_\_\_\_ Which is the connection Vera makes?
- a. There is nobody to serve them.
  - b. The murders are following the nursery rhyme.
  - c. She is the next scheduled victim.
  - d. The food is running low.
9. \_\_\_\_ Who makes breakfast?
- a. Mr. Rogers
  - b. Vera
  - c. Hugo
  - d. No one
10. \_\_\_\_ From the outside appearance, the six remaining guests appear to have a normal breakfast.
- a. True
  - b. False

## Chapter 12:

### Vocabulary: Which vocabulary word does the sentence suggest?

- a. Remorse      b. meticulously      c. demeanor      d. amiss      e. presume

- \_\_\_\_ 1. When I walked into the room, I sensed something was very different.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. Since she was here last, I assure she took it.
- \_\_\_\_ 3. He was so sorry about what happened.
- \_\_\_\_ 4. She took the time to make sure that all the details were perfect.
- \_\_\_\_ 5. From the way she looks , you could see she is upset.

### Study Guide Questions:

6. \_\_\_\_ Why does Emily refuse Dr. Armstrong's help?
- a. She is allergic to many drugs.
  - b. She does not trust him.
  - c. She has her own nerve medicine with her.
  - d. She believes pain will make her stronger.
7. \_\_\_\_ How does Emily Brent die?
- a. She is stung by a bee.
  - b. Beatrice Taylor kills her.
  - c. She commits suicide.
  - d. She is poisoned.
8. \_\_\_\_ Why is there a bumblebee at the window?
- a. There are many flowers by the window.

- b. There is an abundance of bees on the island.
  - c. Someone leaves the sweet cake by the window ledge.
  - d. The murderer wants to keep to the nursery rhyme.
9. \_\_\_\_ What is missing from the table drawer?
- a. The syringe
  - b. The Indian figurine
  - c. The revolver
  - d. The Bible
10. \_\_\_\_ The remaining guests are unable to find the syringe.
- a. True
  - b. False

### Chapter 13

#### Vocabulary: Match the most fitting definition with vocabulary word.

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|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Determination | a. a trick or deceit                  |
| 2. Deception     | b. unable to move                     |
| 3. Tacit         | c. to persevere or be firm in purpose |
| 4. Instantaneous | d. implied; not expressed openly      |
| 5. Immobility    | e. happening in a moment              |

#### Study Guide Questions:

6. \_\_\_\_ The remaining guests still maintain normal behavior and activity despite the murders.
- a. True
  - b. False
7. \_\_\_\_ Who or what touches Vera before she faints?
- a. Justice Wargrave
  - b. The Indian figurine
  - c. The scarlet curtain
  - d. Seaweed
8. \_\_\_\_ Why doesn't Vera take the drink offered to her?
- a. She doesn't drink alcohol.
  - b. She is having trouble breathing.
  - c. She see Cyril in the dark.
  - d. She is unsure if it poisoned.
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10. \_\_\_\_ Which character determines that Wargrave is dead?
- a. Blore
  - b. Lombard
  - c. Armstrong
  - d. Vera