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**Chapter One – Part 1**

**Page 1**

1. Michael disappeared in 1988 so why did it take so long for him to tell the world about what happened?

**Page2/3**

1. Who lived in his house, before his disappearance?

3. What clues in the text tell us that Michael enjoyed his childhood? Find as many examples as possible.

**Page 3**

4. Why did his team win so easily when they played on his pitch?

5. Why were Sundays special?

**Page 4**

6. The author says that Dad was ‘in his element’ on a boat. What does this

mean?

7. Why did they like sailing so much? Find evidence in the text.

8. What sort of weather stopped them sailing?

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9. What evidence is there that Dad is becoming depressed/unhappy?

10. ‘Then the letter arrived…’ What is the effect of this short sentence upon the reader?

11. In what way is this paragraph a turning point in the chapter?

12. Why didn’t they go sailing anymore?

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**Chapter One – Part 2**

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13. Why do you think that Dad left the family home?

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14. What are the reasons for and against moving ‘down south’?

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15. Who is Peggy Sue?

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16. Do you think that Dad made the right decision in buying the Peggy Sue? Give reasons for your answer.

**Page 10**

17. What did his Dad think they would be thinking?

18. How long did they intend to be away?

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19. Who would be the skipper? The first Mate? The ship’s boy? The ship’s cat

20. How did they intend to train themselves up?

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21. What did Gran think about it all? How do you know?

**Page 13**

22. Why do you think Bill Parker’s nick-name was Barnacle Bill?

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23. Find some of the author’s words to describe Michael’s mother.

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24. Why does the author talk about ‘every nook and cranny’ being loaded up?

What does that tell you about the boat?