Maniac McGee

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- 1. Why was Maniac unhappy about living with Aunt Dot and Uncle Don? His aunt and uncle do not talk to one another.
- 2. Where did Maniac sleep the first few nights in Two Mills? In the deer shed at the Elmwood Park Zoo.
- 3. Where did Grayson find Maniac? Outside the buffalo pen at the zoo.
- 4. When Mrs. Beale looked into the bedroom where Maniac slept, what did she notice about where he was sleeping?
 He was on the floor.
- 5. What food was maniac allergic to? Pizza
- 6. What happened to the Beale's home that upset Maniac?

 Someone wrote a racist message on the brick wall. "Fishbelly go home."
- 7. Why did Maniac tell Grayson that he couldn't go to school? He told him that he didn't have a home address.
- What did Grayson do that made Maniac say "Amen"?Grayson read "The Little Engine That Could" from cover to cover.
- How did Maniac please John McNab?
 Maniac told a fib to Russel and Piper about John's unbeatable "stop ball".
- 10. How did Maniac disgrace Mars Bars?He won a race with Mars Bar and disgraced Mars Bar by crossing the finish line running backwards.
- 11. During Piper's birthday party, what happened to Mars Bar?
 A Cobra jumped from a hole in the ceiling and scared him on purpose.
- 12. When Amanda was grumbling at the Buffalo lean-to, what did Maniac finally realize? He realized someone was calling him home.
- 13. What name did Amanda call Mars Bar? Snickers
- 14. Why did Maniac stop running and talk to Amanda? She was carrying a suitcase full of books.

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- 15. What did McNab do when he couldn't strike Maniac? Pitched a frog at him.
- 16. What did Amanda know would make everyone like Maniac? They would like him if he untied Cobble's knot.
- 17. What did Maniac do after he and Grayson ate Thanksgiving dinner?

 Maniac painted an address on the outside of the door on the bandshell.
- 18. Why did Maniac smile inwardly at the funeral?

 The tractor reminded Maniac of Mike Mulligan's steam shovel.
- 19. What was one way Maniac got Piper and Russell to go to school? Maniac agreed to spend 10 minutes at Finsterwald's.
- 20. Why were the McNab's building a pillbox in their home?

 They thought the East Enders were going to revolt. The "Pillbox" would protect him from the blacks that he thought would invade his house.
- 21. Why couldn't Maniac save Russell?

 Russell was out on the trestle where Maniac's parents had their accident.
- 22. How did Maniac Magee become an orphan? His parents were killed in a trolley accident.
- 23. What was Maniac Magee's real name? Jeffrey Lionel Magee
- 24. Where was Maniac sent to live when he was first orphaned?

 Aunt Dot and Uncle Don in Pennsylvania
- 25. What happened at Maniac's spring musical?

 He began screaming at his aunt and uncle and ran away.
- 26. Who was the first person that Maniac spoke to on the East End?

 Amanda Beale
- 27. What did Amanda keep in her suitcase?
 Books
- 28. What did Maniac do for Arnold James?

 Rescues him from Finsterwald's backyard after high school kids threw him in there.

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- 29. What did Maniac do that angered John McNab? Hit all his pitches, including a frog.
- 30. What was the first book Amanda Beale lent to Maniac? The Children's Crusade
- 31. How did Maniac get his nickname?

 After his adventures on the West End and East End, someone said, "Kids gotta be a maniac."
- 32. What street was the boundary between the East End (where blacks lived.) and the West End (where whites lived.)?

 Hector Street
- 33. Who chased Maniac into the East End at night?

 John McNab and the Cobras
- 34. Who tore the page from Angela's book? Mars Bar Thompson
- 35. Who rescued Maniac from mars Bar and his friends?

 Amanda
- 36. What was the name of Amanda's dog? Bow Wow
- 37. Where does Maniac stay after Valley Forge?
 The McNab House
- 38. Who does Maniac bring to the Pickwell's for dinner?

 Mars Bar
- 39. Who does Maniac bring to the McNab's party?
 Mars Bar
- 40. Who began running with Maniac each morning?
 Mars Bar
- 41. Who rescued Russell?

 Mars Bar
- 42. Who finally invites Maniac home to live?

 Amanda