Before Reading

BEFORE READING ACTIVITIES (PAGE 44)

ACTIVITY 1 BEFORE READING
1 The King is in prison.
2 Cromwell’s men have burnt the children’s home.
3 The children escaped and are hiding in the New Forest.
4 The children’s father fought for the King and was killed.
5 In 1647 it was dangerous to be a friend of the King.
6 Jacob is the children’s one true friend.
7 With Jacob’s help, the children learn to live off the land.

ACTIVITY 2 BEFORE READING
Encourage students to speculate and to make guesses, but do not tell them the answers. They will find out as they read that the ‘yes’ answers are numbers 1, 4 and 5.

While Reading

CHAPTER 1 WHILE READING
1 Because they thought the King was hiding there.
2 Because before Colonel Beverley died, he asked Jacob to look after his family.
3 Because of his brother and his sisters.
4 Because they burned Arnwood.
5 Because rich children never cooked or cleaned.
6 Because they were searching for the King.
7 Because he didn’t want the soldiers to see their rich clothes.
8 Because the soldiers ate the first one.

CHAPTER 2 WHILE READING
1 Jacob 5 Jacob
2 Edith 6 White Billy
3 Alice 7 Humphrey
4 Edward 8 Smoker

CHAPTER 3 WHILE READING
1 Jacob was ill that winter and could not leave the cottage.
2 Humphrey needed a dog to help with the farm animals.
3 Edward told Mr Hetherstone his name was Armitage.
4 Mr Hetherstone was one of Cromwell’s good friends.
5 Mr Hetherstone thought the burning of Arnwood was a terrible thing.
6 Oswald Partridge gave Edward one of his puppies.
7 Edward saved Patience from the fire.
8 Edward did not want Mr Hetherstone’s thanks.

CHAPTER 4 WHILE READING
1 Humphrey to Edward, about Jacob.
2 Oswald to Edward, about Mr Hetherstone and the murder of the King.
3 Edward to Oswald, about the people who killed the King.
4 Oswald to Edward, about the news that Colonel Beverley’s children were still alive.
5 Oswald to Edward, about Mr Hetherstone.
6 Mr Hetherstone to Edward, about King Charles I.
7 Mr Hetherstone to Edward, about Edward working for Mr Hetherstone as his secretary.
8 Patience to Alice and Edith, about the three of them being friends.
9 Mr Hetherstone to Edward, about Edward going to fight for the King’s son, who was now King Charles II.

BEFORE READING CHAPTER 5
Encourage students to speculate and to make guesses, but do not tell them the answers. They will find out as they read that the answers are 1b, 2a, 3a, 4b and 5a.

CHAPTER 5 WHILE READING
1+10 Many of the King’s soldiers were killed, and Edward had to return secretly to the New Forest.
2+7 Edward told Patience that he loved her, but he did not understand her answer.
3+12 Parliament gave Arnwood to Mr Hetherstone, who planned to rebuild it and give it back to Edward.
4+8 Edward couldn’t ask Patience to marry him so he left England and went away to France.
5+11 Humphrey stayed at the farm with Pablo, but his sisters went to live with friends in the north.
6+9 Patience had to wait for nine years before Edward came home and married her.
After Reading

**ACTIVITY 1** AFTER READING

Words across: pot, smoke, ladder, climb, farm, burn, save, search, bucket

Words down: stables, forest, land, flames, pretend, cottage

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S D T R E B U C K E T N E
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1. The hidden sentence is: ‘Remember, you are my grandchildren.’ Jacob said this to the four Beverley children.
2. No.
3. Because the children were still in danger from Cromwell’s soldiers, and it was important for them to pretend that their name was Armitage, not Beverley.

**ACTIVITY 2** AFTER READING

**ANIMALS:** calf, chickens, cow, deer, horse, pig, puppy

**FOOD:** bread, eggs, meat, milk, potatoes, salt, vegetables

**FIGHTING:** army, enemy, gun, soldier, sword, uniform

**ACTIVITY 3** AFTER READING

The children all worked hard. Every spring they planted lots of different vegetables in the fields. Alice cleaned the house and learned how to cook, and Edith made oatmeal bread and cooked it on the stones by the fire. She also looked after the chickens and went to get the eggs every morning.

Humphrey was clever at making things out of wood. One day he caught a wild cow and her new-born calf in the forest, so then they had milk to drink.

Edward learned to hunt the red deer of the forest, but he always wanted to be a soldier. One day he rode away, with his father’s sword by his side, to fight for the King. He came home wearing a dead Roundhead’s uniform.

After that he was away for years, fighting with the French army.

**ACTIVITY 4** AFTER READING

The picture goes on page 26.

1. Patience, Edward and Oswald.
2. Mr Hetherstone’s cottage was on fire. Edward saved Patience’s life, and then, with other people, helped to put the fire out.
3. Oswald and Edward carry Patience to Oswald’s cottage, and then Edward rides home with Humphrey’s puppy.

**Possible captions are:**
- ‘Patience was alive!’
- Oswald and Edward gave Patience some water.

**ACTIVITY 5** AFTER READING

If students need help with this, encourage them to look at the links in the language; for example: Where has he gone? – He’s gone . . . / We’ll never see him . . . – I hope we will.

3. Mr Hetherstone: Patience, I’ve just had a letter from Edward.
4. Patience: From Edward? Why? Where has he gone?
5. Mr Hetherstone: He’s gone to fight for the King in France.
6. Patience: Oh no! Oh, Father, we’ll never see him again.
7. Mr Hetherstone: I hope we will, child. I hope he’ll be your husband one day. You love him, don’t you?
8. Patience: Yes, I do, Father. But are you happy for me to marry a poor forester?
9. Mr Hetherstone: He isn’t a forester. His name’s Edward Beverley.
10. Patience: Oh Father, why didn’t you tell him that? Now he’s gone to France, and it’s too late . . .

**ACTIVITY 6** AFTER READING

Open answers.