

The Last of the Mohicans

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A Before Reading

- 1 Student's own answer. Sample answers. What is his name? Is he a good or bad man? Where is he? Where does he come from? What is he doing? What is he thinking about? Is he a Mohican/ an Indian/Native American?
- 2 Mohicans, Hurons, Delawares.
- 3
 - a) a knife, a hunting-gun
 - b) a bear, a deer
 - c) Cora Munro, Alice Munro (Note: sisters generally share the same last name which is the last name of their father.)
 - d) Uncas, Chingachgook, Tamenund
 - e) Hawk-eye

B While Reading

- 4 Student's choice of answer. Students should look at the section of story before the picture to find an appropriate caption.

page 12: A few miles west of Fort Edward, three men were sitting near a river./ 'My tribe is the oldest Indian tribe,' Chingachgook said.

page 14: Magua moved quickly. He ran into the forest./ Hawk-eye, Chigachgook and Uncas ran after him. But Magua escaped.

page 15: A few minutes later, they saw the waterfall.

page 17: Alice looked at the tall young Mohican, Uncas. 'A strong man is guarding us,' she said quietly to her sister. 'We will be safe tonight.'

page 19: The first two Hurons fell to the ground. The third Huron jumped on Hawk-eye./ The fourth Huron fought with Duncan. Uncas ran to help the officer.

page 20: Uncas ran quickly across the flat rock. But he was too late. A Huron was pushing the canoe across the river!

page 21: A moment later, Hawk-eye put down his long gun and followed Chingachgook.

page 23: Magua and the Hurons took them across the river.

page 25: 'You will be my wife!' (+ any of text on page 25.)

page 27: He threw his knife at Alice. The knife cut off some of her hair. It hit the tree above her head. Duncan shouted angrily.
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a) pages 28-31	d) pages 36-39
b) pages 32-33	e) pages 39-41
c) pages 34-35	f) pages 41-50

6 page 49
 a) Hawk-eye and Uncas
 b) Inside a house in the Huron's village.
 pages 54-55
 a) (from the left) Delaware Indians and their old chief, Tamenund, Magua, Uncas - their prisoner, Cora, Hawk-eye, Alice and Duncan Heyward.
 b) In the Delawares' village.
 pages 60-61
 a) (from the left) Cora (dead), Uncas (dead), Hawk-eye and Magua.
 b) On a path in the hills above the Huron's village, near a cave.

C After Reading

7 a fort: pages 8, 29
 a knife: pages 19, 26, 59
 a canoe: pages 15, 20, 23, 39, 41
 a bear: page 44
 a necklace: page 38
 a cave: pages 17, 45, 59
 a hunting-gun: pages 12, 60
 a waterfall: page 15
 a meeting house: pages 42, 51

8 Student's own answer. Main details.
 a) Cora/Alice: Cora is Alice's older sister./ They share the experience of being kidnapped by the Indians and saved by Hawk-eye and the Mohicans./ Alice would rather die than have Cora become Magua's wife.
 b) Cora/Magua: Magua wants Cora to be his wife as revenge for the way her father treated him./ Cora offers to go with him to save the lives of Alice and Duncan but they will not agree to this./ She is forced to go with Magua as his prisoner at the end of the story. She is killed by another Huron when she refuses to be Magua's wife.
 c) Cora/General Munro: Cora is his daughter./ Her adventure starts when she and Alice set out to join him at Fort William Henry./ He searches for her with Hawk-eye and the Mohicans when Magua kidnaps her.
 d) Cora/Hawk-eye: Cora and Alice and Duncan are found by Hawk-eye and the Mohicans when Magua is leading them away from Fort William Henry./ Hawk-eye saves Cora from the Hurons and takes her to her father at Fort William Henry./ He helps to find her when she and Alice are kidnapped a second time./ He goes into the Huron camp disguised as a bear to find her./ He kills Magua after her death.
 e) Cora/Uncas: Cora and Alice and Duncan are found by Hawk-eye, Uncas and his father, when Magua is leading them away from Fort William Henry./ He saves Cora from the Hurons and takes her to her father at Fort William Henry./ He helps to find her when she and Alice are kidnapped a second time./ He goes into the Huron camp to find her and is captured./ He is killed by Magua when they fight after her death.
 f) Cora/Duncan: Duncan sets out with Cora and Alice from Fort Edward to Fort William Henry./ He is in love with Cora's sister, Alice, and marries her after Cora's death./ He is taken prisoner by Magua and other Hurons along with Cora and Alice./ He looks for the sisters with the help of their father, Hawk-eye and the Mohicans./ He goes into the Huron village to find Cora and Alice, dressed as a medicine man./ Together with the others, he tries to save Cora when she is taken by Magua from Delaware camp.