

The Smuggler by Piers Plowright

- 1 *Student's own answer. Actual end is only one more line:*
'Now look,' began Harker. But Ezra had put the phone down.
- 2 Harker's Hut: pages 7 – 8, 13 – 17
Frontier Post and Customs Shed: pages 9 – 12, 38 – 39
Quarry: pages 67 – 68
Gola Bridge: pages 64 – 65, 69
Don's Hide-out: pages 24 – 32
Ambush Point: pages 40 – 45
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(a) *Details needed:*
Harker's Hut: a small forest hut (page 7)/In the middle of the room was a chair and a desk with a lamp on it. There were some books and papers on the desk. In one corner was a small black cupboard. The cupboard door was open and there were some cups and glasses inside. On the wall there was a photograph of a young man on a horse. Next to the photograph there was a large map. (pages 13 – 14)
Frontier Post and Customs Shed: Shed – wooden steps up to it, table, two chairs, one by the table and one by the window, a phone, an exercise book, a newspaper.
Frontier Post – a pole across the road. (pages 9 – 12)
Quarry: a rough, difficult path to it, bushes next to the path, a large rock next to the quarry wall, a small cave in the wall near the top of the rock (pages 67 – 68)
Gola Bridge: a huge black shape, just before the bridge – on one side of the road – a steep hill and on the other side, a steep drop down to the river. (Also description based on illustration) (pages 64 – 65)
Don's Hide-out: a small yard/a long brown shed/a small, flat-roofed house/chickens in the yard/dark and cool inside the house/shutters on the windows/a large wooden table in the middle of the room (one room in the house only?)/also in the room a rocking-chair in one corner and several stools. (pages 24 – 32)
Ambush Point: a road up in the hills/at the highest point in the hills just round a corner was a sign saying SLOW/the ground on the left climbed steeply to some trees; on the right it fell steeply into the valley/road was narrower than anywhere else between the frontier and Darna. (pages 40 – 45)
(b) and (c) *Note that sections vary in length. Teacher could direct students to choose section to make into a script according to ability and time available. Gola Bridge and Quarry sections could be treated together as one section.*
- 5 *Student's own answer.*
- 6 (a) Silver
(b) Skull
(c) John Samuel Fame
(d) Ezra
(e) Don
- 7 *Student's own answer.*