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Questions for *Seven Spools of Thread*

Read to find out: How will the brothers get along at the end of the story?

Pages 12-13

1. What is the setting of the story? _____

2. Who are the main characters at the beginning of the story? _____

3. What do the sons look like? _____

4. How do the sons behave? _____

Pages 14-15

5. How do you think the old man feels about his sons? Why? _____

6. What is the main event on page 15? _____

7. What does the chief tell the sons? _____

8. How do the sons behave? _____

9. What does each son want? _____

Pages 16-17

10. What does the chief tell the sons about their father's property? _____

11. What do the sons receive? _____

12. What is the brothers' problem? _____

13. How long do they have to solve the problem? _____

14. Why are the brothers speechless? _____

15. What does the chief tell the sons about arguing? _____

16. Why do you think the father said his sons had to make gold out of thread before they could inherit property? _____

Pages 18-19

17. What do the sons do when they get home? _____

What do they agree on? _____

18. What happens for the first time in years on page 19? _____

19. What do the sons say about their father? _____

How do you think they feel about their father? _____

Why do you think so? _____

20. What do the sons say about the thread? _____

21. Make a prediction about how the story will end. _____

Pages 20-21

22. What is the oldest brother's idea about the thread? Is he right? _____

23. How are the brothers talking to each other? _____

24. What is the youngest brother's idea? _____

25. What do they brothers decide to do? _____

26. What do the brothers do at the bottom of page 21? _____

Pages 22-23

27. What do the brothers make? _____

What does it look like? _____

Pages 24-25

28. Where do the brothers go? _____

29. What do they do when they get there? _____

30. What do people think of their cloth? _____

Pages 26-27

31. On page 27, who comes to look at their cloth? _____

What does he say about the cloth? _____

32. What do the brothers do next? _____

33. Where do the brothers go next? _____

Pages 28-29

34. Why are the brothers sweating and panting? _____

35. What does the chief ask the brothers? _____

36. What does the chief decide? _____

Why? _____

37. Why is the youngest son sad? _____

38. What do the brothers decide to do at the end of the story? _____

39. What happens to the village and the villagers? _____

40. How do the sons solve their problem? Did they do what their father asked? _____

41. How do the brothers get along at the end of the story? _____

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1. How does the proverb at the end of the story apply to people? _____

2. How does the proverb summarize the theme of the story? _____

3. What elements of a fable does the story have? _____

What difference does this fable have from many fables? _____

4. What can you infer about the father? _____

How do you know? _____

5. Why is teaching the villagers to weave better than giving them gold? _____

6. How do the brothers change? _____

7. What character traits describe the brothers at the end of the story? _____

How do you know? _____
