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1. How long does Stanley spend on the bus? **Stanley spent over 8 hours on the bus.**
2. Why do the boys have to start digging so early? **They start digging early so they could avoid digging during the hottest part of the day.**
3. How does Mr Sir know that none of the boys will try to run away? **Mr. Sir knows that none of the boys will try to run away because there is no water for hundreds of miles.**
4. Stanley feels sorry for the guard and the bus driver. Do you feel sorry for them? Why/Why not? **Teacher check.**
5. Why does Stanley not tell Mr Pendanski that he is innocent? **Stanley didn't tell Mr. Pendanski that he was innocent because he suspected that all the boys probably said that and he thought it seemed pointless to even try to declare his own innocence. Stanley also didn't want Mr. Pendanski to think he had a bad attitude.**
6. Why is Stanley concerned about his cot? **Stanley is concerned about his cot because a boy named Barf Bag had slept in it before him and it smelled bad.**
7. According to Mr Pendanski, how has Zero earned his nickname? **Mr. Pendanski says that Zero earned his nickname because there is nothing inside his head.**
8. What nickname do the boys give to Mr Pendanski? The boys call Mr. Pendanski 'Mom'. Why do you think they picked this name for the counsellor? **Teacher check.**
9. Why do you think the boys prefer to be called by their nicknames at Camp Green Lake? **Teacher check.**
10. What sort of boy is Armpit do you think? Why? **Teacher check.**
11. Why are the campers made to take four-minute showers? **The campers can only take four minute showers because water is scarce.**
12. What crime is Stanley accused of committing? **Stanley is accused of stealing Clyde Livingston's shoes.**
13. Why didn't the teachers believe Derrick Dunne was picking on Stanley? **The teachers didn't believe Derrick Dunne was picking on Stanley because he was half the size of Stanley.**
14. How does Stanley say he got the sneakers (trainers)? **Stanley says he got the sneakers when they fell from the sky.**
15. Do you think Stanley has made the right choice in coming to Camp Green Lake? Why? **Teacher check.**