

Looking for Alaska - final follow-up

Directions: Read each question carefully and circle the best possible answer.

1. Who does the Colonel enlist to help them pull off Miles prank?
 - a. He gets the entire junior class, even the Weekday Warriors, to help.
 - b. He only wants Miles and Takumi to help, but he lets Lara help, too.
 - c. He gets the Eagle to help out with the prank.
2. How do Miles and Takumi make certain that no one will get expelled for pulling off this major junior prank?
 - a. They run the idea by the Eagle ahead of time.
 - b. They tell Chip's mother about it so she can defend the kids , if they get in trouble.
 - c. They collect money from everyone in the junior class so that the entire class can't get in trouble.
3. Why does Maxx say he took the gig and decided to help out with the big prank?
 - a. Because he needed the money
 - b. Because he knew Alaska and wanted to do something nice in her memory.
 - c. Because he thought it was funny and he wished he'd thought of it in high school
4. While the plot for the prank is unfolding, why do you realize that this is something that only Alaska would've thought to do?
 - a. Because it's really risky.
 - b. Because it all tied back to her belief about defying social norms and testing the patriarchal paradigm.
 - c. Because it was very funny and everyone laughed.
5. When the group is asked about committing the prank, to whom do they give the credit?
 - a. Alaska
 - b. Maxx
 - c. The Colonel and Miles
6. How does the Eagle react after the "Great Prank"?
 - a. He suspends Miles and the Colonel for their involvement.
 - b. He assigns both Miles and the Colonel a week of washing dishes.
 - c. He tells them to never do it again.

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7. How do the boys finally figure out where Alaska was going in such a rush?

- a. They find a note that she left.
- b. Lara tells them that she saw Alaska the night of the accident and helped her into the car.
- c. Takumi realizes the significance of the date and they all know that she must have been going to visit her mother's grave.

8. What good resulted from Alaska's death?

- a. She made The Colonel, Miles, and Takumi into closer friends than ever.
- b. Jake was able to move on and marry someone else.
- c. Miles was able to experience loss and realize that he could get over it.

9. The Colonel and Miles decide to "drive through" Alaska's death. How do they feel afterwards?

- a. Unhappy
- b. Hopeful
- c. Relieved

10. How does Alaska's question, about the labyrinth, become important in Religion class?

- a. It becomes something that the Old Man lectures about daily.
- b. It becomes their final exam prompt.
- c. It's not really that important, Dr. Hyde does want the students to think about it daily.

11. How does Dr. Hyde say that all of the religions they've studied this year are connected?

- a. They all offer hope to people.
- b. They all have very long books that give rules and guidelines to their followers.
- c. They all have a central figure who had to sacrifice in order for his people to live.

12. What secret does Takumi reveal to Miles and the Colonel through a letter?

- a. He saw Alaska on the night she died and they had a fight.
- b. He saw Alaska on the night she died and he knew that she was looking for flowers for her mother's grave.
- c. He saw Alaska on the night she died and he tried to report her to the Eagle.

13. How does Miles eventually start to feel about Alaska?

- a. He realizes that she must have loved him, otherwise she never would've kissed him.
- b. He realizes that he didn't really know her at all and that he should've been a better friend to her.
- c. He starts to date someone else and he doesn't want to think about Alaska anymore.

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14. Why does Miles say that he still believes in the “Great Perhaps”, even though Alaska died?

- a. Because he wants to move on with his life and find new adventures.
- b. Because he knows that she would have wanted him to get over her.
- c. Because he says that even though she’s gone, his hope for the future has endured.

15. How does Miles know that Alaska will forgive him for letting her go?

- a. Miles believes that Alaska still lives on somewhere and in some special way. He believes that people can never really be broken.
- b. Miles believes that Alaska was a very chill person and that she would eventually realize that she made the mistake; not him.
- c. Miles believes that Alaska wouldn’t want her friends to get absorbed in their loss. She would want them to move on and keep on living.

16. Why does Miles go to Culver Creek Boarding School?

- a. He wants to be like his dad.
- b. He wants to be like his mom.
- c. He wants to find “the great perhaps”.

17. Why does everyone call Chip the Colonel?

- a. Because he is the captain of the basketball team.
- b. We’re not really sure; it’s never explained fully.
- c. Because he used to go to a school called Colonel Jones.

18. Why do Sara and Chip break up?

- a. They are terrible to one another and they fight all the time.
- b. Chip catches Sara cheating on him.
- c. Sara’s mad because Chip told on her friends and got them expelled.

19. With what idea is Miles preoccupied?

- a. He always wants to know what Lara is doing.
- b. He wants to know who will remember him when he’s gone.
- c. He gets really into his religion class and starts to wonder about becoming a Buddhist.

20. When Miles gets kicked out of Religion class, who sticks up for him?

- a. Takumi
- b. Alaska

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21. Miles fervently cares about Alaska. What does the word “fervently” mean?

- a. He shows little interest in her.
- b. He shows a great deal of interest in her; almost too much interest.
- c. He only cares about her when she’s gone.

22. Alaska has a problem with the “patriarchal paradigm”. What does that mean?

- a. She doesn’t like the standard that is set for men to be in charge of society.
- b. She doesn’t like the men that are in her life.
- c. She feels more comfortable around males, so she decides to hang out with guys mostly.

23. Alaska has a lot of bad habits, but people sometimes call her “incorrigible”. What does that mean?

- a. She’s perfect, just the way she is.
- b. She is always eager to disagree with someone when they point out her flaws.
- c. She’s incapable of changing.

24. A labyrinth is defined as a maze, but in this book, the “labyrinth “ refers to _____?

- a. The place the students go to smoke
- b. Life and twists and turns that you endure while living
- c. A place underground where Alaska used to bury her wine stash.

25. The students really only feel “harangued” when _____.

- a. They have to answer questions in religion class.
- b. They are caught by the Eagle and they have to go before the jury.
- c. They are in their own rooms, living their own lives.