

Understanding the text

Look at this book report and do the activities.

I chose “And Then There Were None”, by Agatha Christie, published in 1939. The story takes place on an imaginary island off the Devon coast, called Indian Island. Nobody lives on Indian Island, except a mysterious Mr Owen.

The story begins when Mr Owen invites ten people there for a few days – eight guests, a cook and a butler... but, on the first night, they were alone in his big house because Mr Owen couldn't come...

Mrs Rogers, the cook, prepared a delicious meal and after dinner... Just imagine the scene... They were all feeling happy and contented. The ladies were chatting, William Blore was examining a statue on the table, General Macarthur was playing with his moustache, Philip Lombard was reading *Punch Magazine*, when suddenly... they heard a voice: “You are charged with the following murders...”. The voice accused them all, one by one, of murder! Some screamed, some fainted, some stayed cool, but they were all petrified with fear! What was going to happen to them?

Well... an hour later, Mr Anthony Marston (the only man with no moustache) was drinking his brandy when he dropped dead: there was poison in his drink... And so there were only nine little Indians left! Ten little Indians... Nine little Indians... They panicked and tried to leave the island but they couldn't, because of a storm. You see, there was only one boat a day... and because of the storm, the boat couldn't come: they were trapped! The day after, a second little Indian died... Eight little Indians... And then a third little Indian died, seven little Indians... And one by one, they all died, and then... there were none! When the police arrived, all they found were ten bodies... and a mystery. Who did it? Who murdered them all? I'm not telling! If you want to know, read the book! It's an excellent mysterious case.

A- Find the information in the text:

- name of the book: “**And Then There Were None**”
- name of the place: **Indian Island**
- name of the only person living there: **Mr Owen**

B- Right or Wrong? Justify by quoting the text:

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| 1. Mr Owen was in his house the first night.
“...but on the first night they were alone in his big house because Mr Owen couldn't come...” | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. After dinner all the persons invited were ok.
“Some screamed, some fainted, some stayed cool, but they were all petrified with fear !” | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. One of the ten persons declared there was a murderer inside the house.
“The voice accused them all, one by one, of murder !” | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Mr Anthony Marston died because of what he ate.
“there was poison in his drink...” | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. The people wanted to escape but it was impossible because of the weather.
“They panicked and tried to leave the island but they couldn't, because of a storm.” | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. At the end nobody survived.
« And one by one, they all died, and then ... there were none ! » | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C- Complète les flèches de l'image par les noms ou métiers des personnages en t'aidant du texte :

