

## Journey to the River Sea

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Chapter 4 Answers

#### Answer the following questions about Chapter 4 in your Reading Record.

1. Why does Maia conclude that the twins “lived strange lives inside the dark and stuffy house”? Remember to use evidence to explain your answer.

Maia compared them to ‘those pale insect grubs that exist only to be fed and groomed by others’ because they ordered the servants to comb their hair, pick up their handkerchiefs, and iron their hair ribbons.

She also compared the twins to ‘puppets pulled by the same string’ because they never went anywhere alone and even nodded or shook their heads absolutely together.

2. Maia was amazed by “the beauty and elegance of Manaus.” What sights and sounds surrounded her upon her arrival?

Mansions painted in every colour with flowers tumbling from window boxes.

Gardens with blossoming orange and lemon trees, and mangoes, and wonderful creepers climbing over the railings.

Two churches, a museum, a little park with a bandstand and children’s playground.

A magnificent theatre roofed in tiles of green and gold, with the eagle of Brazil in precious stones soaring over the top.

3. Who does Maia meet at Madam Duchamp’s Academy of Dance?

A tall Russian boy with red hair called Sergei; his sister Olga; and a sunny-looking Austrian girl called Netta Haltmann.

4. “...five minutes before the end of the lesson, something happened which changed her mood completely.” What is Maia referring to here? Summarise the events that take place.

Five minutes before the end of the lesson, two men came into the room. They were dressed in black like a pair of gloomy crows had stalked into the room.

They first asked Mrs Duchamp and then the class to tell them that they were looking for a boy, the son of a man called Bernard Taverner who had died. They said he had to be found and taken back to England as quickly as possible, and that they were offering a reward for if the right boy was found. They also threatened that anyone hiding the boy could be locked up in prison.