

*The House of the Scorpion*

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**Directions:** Answer the following questions using complete sentences. **REMEMBER:** a complete answer describes the 'WHAT' and the 'SO WHAT'...

**Chapters 1-3**

1) Besides Celia, who is the only other person Matt is allowed to see?

2) Describe two examples from the book of what Matt's life is like with Celia:

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3) "He sprawled over the pillows and pretended to feed the stuffed dog, the teddy bear, the rabbit (*conejo*, Matt corrected). For a while this was fun, but then a hollow feeling began to grow inside Matt. These weren't real animals. He could talk to them all he liked. They couldn't understand. In some way he couldn't put into words, they weren't even *there*" (page 8).

What does this passage show about the way Matt is beginning to see his world alone in the cottage?

4) Describe how Matt hurts his feet. What does this say about his knowledge of the world?

5) What's written on the bottom of Matt's foot?

6) How do people react to the writing - what do they do? Why?

## Chapters 4-5

1) Match the characters to the description/line from the book about them.

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| ___ Matt        | a. "Clones go that way in the end. I did think this one was brighter than most."                                    |
| ___ Tom         | b. "I've got more tricks up my sleeve than old man coyote has fleas. I'll get you out of here, my love!"            |
| ___ Celia       | c. He could forget them now and get back to the contemplation of his kingdom.                                       |
| ___ Rosa        | d. "You idiot! You need a vet for this little beast. How dare you defile this house?"                               |
| ___ Maria       | e. "Scratch your piggy behind on the wall. I have to have something to tell Maria."                                 |
| ___ The Doctor  | f. "This isn't too bad. I sleep with my dog all the time. Are you sure you don't bite?"                             |
| ___ Mr. Alacrán | g. "The doctor says you're house broken, but I'm not taking chances. Do it in the bucket if you've got the brains." |

2) What are two things Matt does to survive in prison? What do these behaviors reveal about Matt?

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3) a) How does Matt react to Celia and Maria's visit?

b) Why does he react this way?

## Ch. 1-5 Questions

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#13 (LT-2)	<input type="checkbox"/> There are too many spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors.	<input type="checkbox"/> There are a few spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors.	<input type="checkbox"/> There are no spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors.	/4

