

The Big Wave – Study Guide

Directions: Type all answers in MLA format. Title the assignment The Big Wave Study Guide.

Questions

Write a brief but thorough answer to each question as you read the book. Support your answers with material from the text such as specific details, examples, and quotes. All answers must be a minimum of 3 complete sentences!

1. Kino's father says, "Every day of life is more valuable now than it was before the storm" (26) and "To live in the midst of danger is to know how good life is" (32). Explain what he means by these statements.
2. Kino's father explains, "You did not know anything about it, and so you were afraid of it" (33). What are some examples given in this story of the unknown things that people are afraid of? Why would an unknown thing cause people to fear?
3. The old gentleman's manservant tells Jiya, "Our Old Gentleman is very kind indeed. You would have everything here." But Jiya replies, "Not everything" (45). What does the manservant mean by "everything"? And what does Jiya know he would NOT have at Old Gentleman's castle?
4. Why do none of the fishermen's houses have windows that face the ocean? How is Jiya's house at the end of the story different? What does this show that Jiya has learned?

Rubric:

MLA: 5 pts

Questions: 10 pts each

(total out of 45)