

## ***The Endless Steppe – Study Guide Chapters 6-11***

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*Directions: Type all answers in MLA format. Title the assignment: ES Ch 6-11 Study Guide.*

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**Note: These chapters are lengthy and may take 2+ hours to read. Plan your time accordingly.**

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### **Vocabulary**

*Directions: Write a definition for each term as it relates to the context of the book.*

Stipend (74)

Incongruously (107)

Sardonically (136)

Selenite (80)

Pariah (107)

Dexterously (136)

Maelstrom (113)

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### **Questions**

*Directions: 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. What people are grateful for is often a matter of their perspective on life. What commonplace things do the Siberian exiles give thanks for? And what ordinarily unpleasant things do they wish to have?
2. What two things happen in Chapter 7 that make Esther begin to enjoy or love Siberia, even just a little bit?
3. Esther's grandmother said in Chapter 10, "Man does not live by bread alone." What other things were important for making life livable in Siberia, especially for Esther?
4. How did the Rudomin family help transform "Vanya the Bum" into Ivan Petrovich?

Important quotes-

*"To some who are homeless, anything—a lean-to, a cave, a doorway—becomes home: what is known is more sheltering, safer, than the unknown."*

*"I don't want to be me; I want to be them. You don't understand.' Perhaps she didn't. But it must have hurt to contemplate even the possibility that her child might discard her own rich heritage for a toehold in this land of exile, this thoroughly alien land."*

Rubric:

MLA: 5 pts

Definitions: 5 pts each

Questions: 10 pts each

(total out of 80)