

## ***The Endless Steppe* – Study Guide Chapters 12-18**

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*Directions: Type all answers in MLA format. Title the assignment ES Ch 12-18 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.*

Sciatica (145)

Woebegone (150)

Histrionics (186)

Incessantly (145)

Ubiquitous (188)

Effusive (190)

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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. In Chapter 12, what does Esther mean by the metaphor, “In Siberia, I had warmed myself at this bright light time and time again” (145).
2. Why is Mother so reckless with the potatoes to make a pot of goulash for Esther’s birthday party? (See her quote at the end of the Chapter 13 for help.) Do you agree with mother?
3. Explain at least 2 reasons why mother would accept nothing offered by Uncle Yazia and Aunt Zaya. Do you think she should have accepted more help?
4. In Chapter 16, what were some of the small delights that brought joy to Esther and her mother that winter?

+5 Bonus: In one word, tell what physical feature of Marya Nikolayevna reveals her cruelty.

Rubric:

MLA format: 5 pts

Definitions: 5 pts each

Questions: 10 pts each

(Total is out of 75)