

MAIN POINTS

- The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse is written by William Saroyan.
- The story is about two Armenian boys – Aram and Mourad who belong to the Garoghlanian family.
- Their tribe is known for their honesty. They are poor and can hardly earn money for food.
- They both long to ride a horse. Mourad had stolen a horse from a farmer a month ago.
- One early morning, he brought it to the window of Aram and asked him to come along for a ride.
- They rode the horse for many days. When Aram gets to know the horse is stolen, he gets shocked.
- One day the owner of the horse, John Byro, comes to his house to complain about his missing horse to Uncle Khosrove.
- On their way back to hide the horse on the deserted vineyard, they meet the owner and feel guilty at the end.
- The next morning, they returned the horse back to the owner's barn.

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

- Who is the narrator in this story?**
 - Mourad
 - Aram
 - Zorab
 - Vazire
- Aram was awakened early in the morning by.....**
 - Zorab
 - Vazire
 - Mourad
 - John Byro
- Mourad was sitting on a.....**
 - black dog
 - camel
 - elephant
 - white horse
- Name the writer of this chapter.**
 - Marga Minco
 - Masti Iyengar
 - Patrick Pringle
 - William Saroyan
- What was not a quality of the Garoghlanian tribe?**
 - dishonesty
 - honesty
 - pride
 - poverty
- The empty barn where the horse was hidden belonged to.....**
 - a trader
 - a herder
 - Fetvajian
 - Byro
- Some..... and.....were stored in the barn.**
 - wheat, rye
 - rice, hay
 - grapes, millets
 - oats, alfalfa
- What time of the day was the horse taken out for a ride?**
 - evening
 - morning
 - noon
 - night
- What was the famous line used by Uncle Khosrove when his house was on fire?**
 - it's unfair
 - it is no harm, pay no attention to it
 - it is ok
 - don't worry
- One afternoon Uncle Khosrove had gone to the narrator's house for.....**
 - some work
 - meeting
 - coffee & cigarettes
 - tea
- Another visitor arrived at the same time, who was he?**
 - Fetvajian
 - Vazire
 - Mourad
 - John Byro
- Why was that visitor sad?**
 - his surrey was useless
 - his horse was missing
 - his horse was missing for a month.
 - all
- Which tribe did Aram belong to?**
 - Assyrian
 - Mongolian
 - Red Indian
 - Garoghlanian
- Who was Mourad's father?**
 - Zoravar
 - Ahmed
 - Khosrove
 - Zorab
- Who had the crazy streak in Aram's family?**
 - Khosrove
 - Zorab
 - father
 - brother

- 16. Aram's whole tribe was**
 a. disease-stricken b. anger-stricken
 c. madness-stricken d. poverty-stricken
- 17. Aram's first memories had been that of.....**
 a. longing to ride an elephant
 b. longing to ride a horse
 c. owning a horse
 d. owning an elephant
- 18. From whom in his family had Mourad inherited the crazy streak?**
 a. Zorab b. John Byro
 c. Aram d. Uncle Khosrove
- 19. Why according to uncle Khosrove was it no harm to lose a horse?**
 a. It was a small thing compared to the loss of their homeland
 b. The horse would eventually come back
 c. Everybody loses something or the other
 d. None
- 20. What did Aram think of the horse when he saw it for the first time?**
 a. magnificent b. special
 c. majestic d. magnanimous
- 21. Who was the real owner of the beautiful white horse?**
 a. Zorab b. John Byro
 c. Fetvajian d. Khosrove
- 22. Mourad had a way with.....**
 a. robin b. horse
 c. dog d. all
- 23. Mourad had been riding the horse without telling Aram for about.....**
 a. a week b. a day
 c. a month d. a fortnight
- 24. Who was John Byro?**
 a. trader b. farmer
 c. businessman d. labourer
- 25. How did Mourad wake Aram up, early in the morning?**
 a. by knocking at the door
 b. by shouting on top of his voice
 c. by tapping on his window
 d. by throwing water on him
- 26. Which among these were the traits of the Garoghlanian tribe?**
 a. honesty b. righteousness
 c. pride d. all
- 27. Uncle Khosrove's son was.....**
 a. Aram b. Mourad
 c. Arak d. none
- 28. Where was the horse hidden after daily rides in the morning?**
 a. In a small room near Aram's house
 b. In Mourad's backyard
 c. It wasn't hidden at all
 d. In the barn of a deserted vineyard
- 29. To check if the horse belonged to him, John Byro.....**
 a. Shouted out its name
 b. Rode it
 c. Looked into the mouth of the horse
 d. all
- 30. What change did John Byro notice in the horse after it was returned to him?**
 a. it reared b. it snorted
 c. it began to run d. it was stronger
- 31. John Byro had learnt to speak which language, besides his mother tongue?**
 a. Armenian b. Assyrian
 c. Arabic d. Latin
- 32. Who had been famous for honesty in the last 11 centuries?**
 a. Aram b. Mourad
 c. Garoghlanian tribe d. all
- 33. Aram's tribe was known for honesty ; how did he justify Mourad's action of riding a stolen horse?**
 a. One cannot call it stolen until it is sold
 b. It was just being used for riding
 c. It was just for their hobby
 d. It was being used for carrying load
- 34. According to Mourad how long would Aram need to learn riding?**
 a. 6 months b. a year
 c. 3 months d. 2 years
- 35. What was alright for a city dweller according to John Byro?**
 a. to not care about a survey
 b. to not care about rural life
 c. to not worry about a lost horse
 d. to forget about a survey

36. **Who was an Assyrian but had learnt to speak Armenian?**
 a. Mohammad b. Mourad
 c. Khosrove d. John Byro
37. **Why had the Assyrian learnt to speak American?**
 a. to conduct his business
 b. because of loneliness
 c. to enhance his language skills
 d. to read American books
38. **What happened when Aram kicked into the muscles of the horse?**
 a. it reared b. it snorted
 c. it began to run d. all
39. **Instead of running down the road, the horse ran to the vineyard of**
 a. Dikran Halabian b. John Byro
 c. Fetvajian d. Zorab
40. **How many miles had John Byro travelled to get to Aram's house?**
 a. twenty b. ten
 c. fifteen d. five
41. **"You have legs" shouted Uncle Khosrove, to whom?**
 a. Aram b. Mourad
 c. Dikran d. Byro
42. **"My left leg pains me", who complained?**
 a. Mourad b. Fetvajian
 c. Byro d. Khosrove
43. **No member of the Garoghlanian family could be a.....**
 a. thief b. con man
 c. thug d. all
44. **What was the name of the horse?**
 a. Fetvajian b. Sultan
 c. My Star d. Vazire
45. **How long did it take for Mourad to find the horse after Aram had fallen off it?**
 a. an hour b. couple of hours
 c. half an hour d. the full day
46. **If they were caught, Aram was coached to say that they had started riding**
 a. a few days ago
 b. that very morning

- c. the truth
 d. all

47. **Mourad had a way with.....**
 a. animals b. traders
 c. businessmen. d. Armenians
48. **When John Byro asked for the name of the horse to Mourad what did he answer?**
 a. the truth b. nothing
 c. Vazire d. My Heart
49. **Uncle Khosrove was famous for his.....**
 a. bad temper b. Impatience
 c. largest moustache d. all
50. **"At first it wanted to run wild" Who is being talked about here?**
 a. the dog b. Vazire
 c. the cat d. bird

ANSWER KEY

1-b, 2-c, 3-d, 4-d, 5-a, 6-c, 7-d, 8-b, 9-b, 10-c, 11-d, 12-d, 13-d, 14-d, 15-a, 16-d, 17-b, 18-d, 19-a, 20-a, 21-b, 22-d, 23-c, 24-b, 25-c, 26-d, 27-c, 28-d, 29-c, 30-d, 31-a, 32-c, 33-a, 34-b, 35-c, 36-d, 37-b, 38-d, 39-a, 40-b, 41-d, 42-c, 43-a, 44-d, 45-c, 46-b, 47-a, 48-d, 49-d, 50-b

VERY SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. **Name the narrator of this story.**
 Ans. Aram is the narrator of the story
2. **How is the narrator related to Mourad?**
 Ans. They are cousins.
3. **Mourad belongs to which tribe?**
 Ans. Garoghlanian tribe
4. **To which country does the narrator belong?**
 Ans. Armenia
5. **Where does the narrator live presently?**
 Ans. In San Joaquin valley
7. **Where is San Joaquin valley situated?**
 Ans. California, USA
8. **Did Mourad sing after sitting on the horse for a ride?**
 Ans. Aram thought that Mourad was rather roaring than singing.

9. Why did Mourad ask Aram to get down from the horse?

Ans. Because Mourad wanted to ride alone on the horse.

10. Who was Mourad's father?

Ans. Zorab

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. According to the narrator, what was the loveliest thing that he had ever seen?

Ans. On Mourad's command to run, the horse stood on its hind legs, snorted and burst into a fury of speed.

2. Why did Mourad change the name of the horse?

Ans. He did not want to be called a thief so he changed the name of the horse from Vazire to 'My Heart' when asked by John Byro.

3. Why did John Byro think that 'My Heart' was the twin of his horse Vazire?

Ans. One day John Byro had caught the boys with his horse. On checking its teeth he was convinced that this horse was the twin of his horse Vazire, because no member of the Garoghlanian family could be a thief to have stolen his horse. The members of Garoghlanian tribe were known for honesty.

4. Describe the main traits of the Garoghlanian tribe.

Ans. The members of the Garoghlanian tribe had been famous for their honesty for the past eleven centuries. In the past they were quite wealthy too. They were very proud people, with a strong sense of righteousness. But in the present scenario they were known more for their poverty.

5. How did Aram come to the conclusion that Mourad had stolen the horse?

Ans. Mourad woke Aram at 4:00 a.m. in the morning. Aram could not believe his eyes when he saw the horse. He questioned Mourad that where he had stolen the horse from. To which Mourad simply answered that he should come down to ride the horse instead of asking questions.

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Describe Uncle Khosrove.

Ans. Uncle Khosrove belongs to the Garoghlanian tribe from Armenia, living in San Joaquin Valley of California. He was an enormous man with

a powerful head of black hair and the largest moustache in the San Joaquin Valley. He was a furious man, ill tempered, irritable and so impatient that he stopped anyone from talking by roaring "it is no harm, pay no attention to it". He was emotional about losing his homeland in Armenia.

2. Write a short summary of the chapter.

Ans. The chapter has been narrated by Aram, who is only 9 years old. He looks up to his cousin Mourad who is 13 years old. Both belong to the proud, honest, but poverty-stricken Garoghlanian tribe of Armenia, living in the San Joaquin Valley area of California. Both the cousins love horses but cannot afford one. Mourad steals a beautiful white horse from a farmer John Byro. They ride it early in the morning and hide it in the barn of a deserted vineyard. One day John Byro catches them with his horse Wazir but since he is well aware of their tribe's reputation of honesty, he assumes that the horse was the twin of his horse. John Byro visits Aram's house and moans about his lost horse and the useless surrey without the horse. Next morning the boys quietly return the horse to John Byro's farm. John Byro visits Aram's house again and expresses his astonishment that now his horse was better in temper and healthier than before.

3. Describe the character of Mourad.

Ans. Mourad was a young boy of 13 years who belonged to the Garoghlanian tribe of Armenia living in San Joaquin Valley of California. He was a street smart fellow and a daredevil, who was not afraid of taking risks for adventures. He loved animals and birds and had his own sweet "way" with them. He convinced Aram to join him in riding a stolen horse, whom he had almost tamed. He nursed a Robin's broken wing, which helped it to fly away. When he finally took the horse to John Byro's vineyard, the dogs followed around without making a sound. He was considered to be one of the craziest member of his family.