# Study Guide: Chapter 9 - The Memory Map

## Summary

In Chapter 9: The Memory Map, Amelia reflects on a faded photo of her plane, the Electra, and struggles with the pain of remembering her past. The children gently encourage her to recall details of her life, and she begins to piece together fragments of memory. Using old maps and her own recollections, Amelia tries to create a 'memory map' of her journey and how she ended up on the island. The kids realize that Amelia's story is both heartbreaking and inspiring, as it shows her resilience despite decades of isolation.

## Vocabulary

faded - not clear or bright anymore

sleek - smooth and shiny in appearance

weathered - worn down by time and weather

trace - to follow along a line or shape with your finger

fragments - small broken pieces

recollections - memories of past events

isolation - the state of being alone

resilience - the ability to recover from difficulties

map - a drawing that shows the layout of land or places

journey - a trip from one place to another

encourage - to give someone hope or confidence

quietly - in a soft or calm way

softly - gently or in a low voice

painful - causing hurt or sadness

forgotten - not remembered

remnants - small remaining parts of something

navigation - the act of finding the way from one place to another

symbol - something that stands for something else

weather-beaten - worn and damaged by exposure to the weather

uncertain - not sure or not clear

## Comprehension Questions

1. What was Amelia holding at the beginning of the chapter?

2. Why did Amelia say that remembering sometimes hurts more than forgetting?

3. What did the children encourage Amelia to do?

4. What did Amelia try to create with her memories?

5. What did the children realize about Amelia’s story?

## Answer Key

1. A faded photo of her plane, the Electra.

2. Because memories reminded her of painful losses.

3. They encouraged her to recall details of her life.

4. A 'memory map' of her journey to the island.

5. That her story showed both heartbreak and resilience.

## Themes

- Memory and identity

- Resilience in hardship

- The importance of history

- Connection between past and present

- Isolation and survival