

## Reading Quiz

Title: Curse at Zala Manor (Series: Monster Moon)

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Ages 8 - 12

1. Aunt Zsofia drove a pink \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) bus
  - b) hearse
  - c) taxi cab
  - d) sports car
  - e) truck
  
2. What did AJ think he heard in the wall?
  - a) a singing ghost
  - b) a cricket
  - c) a tapping sound
  - d) dripping water
  - e) footsteps
  
3. How did the bat in the attic escape?
  - a) through a hole in the roof
  - b) through the doorway
  - c) through a crack in the floorboards
  - d) through the open window
  - e) through a magic hat

4. What was on Aunt Zsafia's roof that AJ thought were scary?
- a) roof rats
  - b) gargoyles
  - c) spy towers
  - d) ravens
  - e) broken rain gutters
5. What was carved in the door to the basement?
- a) an eagle
  - b) a pirate
  - c) a lion
  - d) a rooster
  - e) a grim reaper
6. What was hidden in the armadillo's hinged tail?
- a) a secret code
  - b) an old key
  - c) an old coin
  - d) a bottlecap
  - e) an old family recipe
7. AJ didn't like the \_\_\_\_\_ in the back of the hearse.
- a) stinky smell
  - b) flat tire
  - c) dead dog
  - d) coffin
  - e) rolled up dirty rug

8. Zala Manor was next door to a \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) graveyard
  - b) city dump
  - c) prison
  - d) grocery store
  - e) used car lot
9. Who was the leader of the school bullies?
- a) Vlad
  - b) Runt
  - c) Calvin
  - d) Freddy
  - e) Dirk
10. Who did Miss Riddle assign to be AJ's partner for the science project?
- a) Calvin
  - b) Emily
  - c) Michael
  - d) No one
  - e) Freddy

11. What important book did AJ and Emily find in a trunk in the attic?

- a) the Zantony family history
- b) Uncle Bela's journal
- c) Pirate Treasures of Craggy Cove
- d) a book of curses
- e) a book on how to fight monsters

12. Aunt Zsofia was excited because this year there would be \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky on Halloween night.

- a) a blimp
- b) an eclipse
- c) a shooting star
- d) fireworks
- e) a blue moon

13. The street address of Zala Manor was

- \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) 123 Gargoyle Court
  - b) 0000 Eternal Repose Place
  - c) 1313 Eerie Lane
  - d) 777 Spookster Boulevard
  - e) 9999 Craggy Cove Way

14. Why was the rat able to talk?
- a) It ate a lot of alphabet soup.
  - b) It swallowed a tiny radio.
  - c) It was really a boy who was put under a spell.
  - d) Its brain was transplanted with a parrot's brain.
  - e) It was a robot rat.
15. AJ and Emily discovered a secret \_\_\_\_\_  
behind the brick archway in the basement.
- a) tunnel
  - b) treasure
  - c) lake
  - d) compass
  - e) weapon
16. Emily wanted to find Uncle Bela's hidden  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- a) treasure
  - b) sword
  - c) time machine
  - d) lab
  - e) library
17. What was AJ's most prized possession?
- a) his coin collection
  - b) the foul ball he caught at the baseball stadium
  - c) his soccer trophy
  - d) his video games
  - e) his skateboard

18. What was buried in the Eternal Repose Cemetery that only Aunt Zsofia and AJ knew about?

- a) a bag of gold coins
- b) Aunt Zsofia's dead dog, Thor
- c) Aunt Zsofia's diary
- d) AJ's bad report card
- e) a treasure map

19. What did AJ usually carry with him because he was afraid?

- a) a whistle to blow if he needed help
- b) a magic chant
- c) a picture of his hero
- d) a bottle of Monster Spray
- e) matches

20. After 300 years of being locked up, which monster escaped first?

- a) Stumpy the skeleton
- b) Walter the werewolf
- c) Count Ozor the vampire
- d) Musky the zombie
- e) The Grim Reaper

21. What did AJ find in the secret drawer in the coffin?
- a) a riddle
  - b) a key
  - c) a hundred dollar bill
  - d) a glass eyeball
  - e) a piece of chewed up gum
22. What was Emily's favorite subject in school?
- a) math
  - b) science
  - c) physical education
  - d) reading
  - e) history
23. Which pirate monster seemed to be their leader?
- a) Musky
  - b) Gargoyle
  - c) Stumpy
  - d) Count Ozor
  - e) Grim Reaper
24. Where was the key to Uncle Bela's lab hidden?
- a) in the spine of the journal
  - b) in a crack in the crypt wall
  - c) in the spider web hammock
  - d) in the graveyard
  - d) under the bed

25. AJ and Emily found another way out of the crypt, but they ended up trapped where?

- a) in a hollow tree in the graveyard
- b) in the basement of Craggy Cove Church
- c) in an earthen shaft deep underground
- d) in a sewer under the street
- e) in the attic

26. Vlad was happy to get his \_\_\_\_\_ back.

- a) box of chocolates
- b) gold tooth
- c) own brain
- d) singing voice
- e) beautiful feathers

27. AJ didn't like the gargoyles on the roof of Zala Manor because \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) They were scary looking.
- b) One of them dripped blood on him once.
- c) Sometimes they moved.
- d) They stared at him.
- e) All of the above.

28. What was wrong with the chant needed to undo the curse?

- a) It was written in another language.
- b) The last line was missing.
- c) AJ lost it.
- d) Emily spilled paint on it.
- e) Vlad ate it.

29. What did AJ and Emily see in the graveyard that looked like the ground was rolling?

- a) tall grass blowing in the wind
- b) thousands of rats
- c) balloons floating by
- d) a whirlwind of leaves
- e) a bunch of black cats

30. AJ had to undo the curse by \_\_\_\_\_ on Halloween night.

- a) 11:15 p.m.
- b) sundown
- c) 7:13 p.m.
- d) 10:00 curfew
- e) midnight

31. Vlad like to sing \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Irish lullabyes
- b) rap songs
- c) pirate ditties
- d) nursery rhymes
- e) country western songs

32. Emily went to the Monster Ball dressed as

\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Einstein, the scientist
- b) Little Bo Peep
- c) an astronaut
- d) a fairy godmother
- e) a clown with purple lips

33. What was AJ and Emily's prize-winning science project?

- a) mummified chickens
- b) a miniature Venus fly trap
- c) turning margarine into plastic
- d) a rat water maze
- e) hypnotizing guinea pigs

34. AJ had to be dressed as \_\_\_\_\_ to save the Zantony bloodline and all of Craggy Cove.

- a) a shining knight
- b) a pirate captain
- c) Frankenstein
- d) a dragon
- e) a monster

35. Emily was afraid of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) snakes and lizards
- b) ghosts and goblins
- c) clowns and circus people
- d) spiders and spider eggs
- e) mice and rats

## Answer Key to Reading Counts Quiz for Curse at Zala Manor:

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3. d) through the open window
4. b) gargoyles
5. e) a grim reaper
6. b) an old key
7. d) coffin
8. a) graveyard
9. c) Calvin
10. b) Emily
11. b) Uncle Bela's journal
12. e) a blue moon
13. c) 1313 Eerie Lane
14. d) Its brain was transplanted with a parrot's brain.
15. a) tunnel
16. d) lab
17. e) his skateboard
18. b) Aunt Zsafia's dead dog, Thor
19. d) a bottle of Monster Spray
20. c) Count Ozor the vampire
21. a) a riddle
22. b) science
23. d) Count Ozor
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- 27. e) All of the above
- 28. b) The last line was missing.
- 29. b) thousands of rats
- 30. e) midnight
- 31. c) pirate ditties
- 32. a) Einstein, a scientist
- 33. d) a rat water maze
- 34. a) a shining knight
- 35. e) mice and rats