

# Read. Think. Explain.

An active reader is always looking for big ideas and deeper meaning in a play by paying attention to things like dialogue, character development, setting, and the sequence in which events happen.

In this activity, you'll answer questions about these elements in the play adaptation of *The Maze of Bones*, the first book in The 39 Clues series.

**Directions:** Answer the questions below, using information and details from the play to back up your ideas.

1. What do you learn about the Cahill family during the first scene?  
What does it make you wonder about?

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2. What can you figure out about Dan's and Amy's relationship with Grace?  
How do Dan and Amy differ from other members of their family?

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3. What decision must the family gathered at the reading of the will make?  
If you were at the reading of the will, what would you do? Why?

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4. What does Amy conclude at first about looking for the treasure?  
What do you think makes her change her mind?

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5. Do you think Amy and Dan made the right decision to enter the contest? Why or why not?

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