Reading Notes

Detie  
Heidi’s aunt who has taken care of her

Heidi  
young, orphaned girl

Barbie  
Detie’s friend

Uncle Alp  
Heidi’s grandfather; Tobias’ father

Tobias & Adelheid  
Heidi’s father and mother

Bridget  
Peter’s mother

Grannie  
Peter’s grandmother

Vocabulary
Write the meaning of each bold word or phrase.

1. trudging uphill on a pair of **hobnailed** boots. ________________________________________________

2. The old man lived up on the mountain like a **hermit**. _________________________________________

3. That made him more angry then ever, and **morose** too. _______________________________________

Comprehension Questions
Answer the following in complete sentences.

1. How did Detie acquire Heidi? Why does Detie take Heidi to Uncle Alp? ________________________
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2. How is Uncle Alp perceived by the townspeople? Why? _________________________________
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3. Describe the scenery surrounding Uncle Alp’s hut. _________________________________________
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   Chapter 1
Quotations

“I’ve looked after her up to now, but I don’t mind telling you, I’m not going to turn down a good job like the one I’ve just been offered, because of her.”

Who said this? ________________________________________  About whom?__________________________________________

“She can look after herself, though she’s only five. She’s got all her wits about her. She knows how to make the best of things too …”

Who said this? ________________________________________  About whom?__________________________________________

“There is still a good deal of the mountain to be occupied with. It will be a hard task to undertake.”

Who said this? ________________________________________  About whom?__________________________________________

Discussion Questions

1. What does the first quote above tell us about Detie’s character? Do you agree or disagree with her analysis of the situation? Why?

2. The author tells us that Detie is “really far from easy in her mind about what she [is] doing.” What are the reasons for her uneasiness?

3. What does it mean to be “at odds with God and man”? What are the reasons for Uncle Alp choosing this lifestyle?

4. With what we know about Uncle Alp and Heidi so far, how do you think Heidi and Uncle Alp are going to get along?

Enrichment

1. Locate the towns of Mayenfield and Dorfl on a map.

2. Read the story of the prodigal son from the Bible (Luke 15). How is Uncle Alp similar to the prodigal son, and how is he different? ______________________________________________________
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3. On a separate sheet of paper, draw Heidi’s family tree and include the following people: Tobias, Heidi, Detie, Uncle Alp, Adelheid, Tobias’ grandmother, Detie’s grandmother.
Reading Notes

cupboard  a closet with shelves for dishes, cups, etc.
loft     a room or storage area within a sloping roof

Vocabulary
Write the meaning of each bold word or phrase.

1. a biggish room, the whole extent of his living quarters.
2. and blew up the fire with bellows till it was red and glowing.
3. Two graceful animals detached themselves from the others.
4. The moon, which had been covered by scudding clouds

Comprehension Questions
Answer the following in complete sentences.

1. Describe the inside of Grandfather's hut and cupboard.

2. What are the names of Grandfather's goats? Why are those names appropriate?

3. What does Grandfather do to make Heidi feel more comfortable in the hut?