

# Mrs. Haas' 7th Grade Summer Reading

## Amari and the Night Brothers

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From Goodreads.com - *Quinton Peters was the golden boy of the Rosewood low-income housing projects, receiving full scholarship offers to two different Ivy League schools. When he mysteriously goes missing, his little sister, 13-year-old Amari Peters, can't understand why it's not a bigger deal. Why isn't his story all over the news? And why do the police automatically assume he was into something illegal? Then Amari discovers a ticking briefcase in her brother's old closet. A briefcase meant for her eyes only. There was far more to Quinton, it seems, than she ever knew. He's left her a nomination for a summer tryout at the secretive Bureau of Supernatural Affairs. Amari is certain the answer to finding out what happened to him lies somewhere inside, if only she can get her head around the idea of mermaids, dwarves, yetis and magicians all being real things, something she has to instantly confront when she is given a weredragon as a roommate.*

*Amari must compete against some of the nation's wealthiest kids—who've known about the supernatural world their whole lives and are able to easily answer questions like which two Great Beasts reside in the Atlantic Ocean and how old is Merlin? Just getting around the Bureau is a lesson alone for Amari with signs like 'Department of Hidden Places this way, or is it?' If that all wasn't enough, every Bureau trainee has a talent enhanced to supernatural levels to help them do their jobs – but Amari is given an illegal ability. As if she needed something else to make her stand out. With an evil magican threatening the whole supernatural world, and her own classmates thinking she is an enemy, Amari has never felt more alone. But if she doesn't pass the three tryouts, she may never find out what happened to Quinton.*

Attached you will find worksheets; each page has 3 questions for each labeled chapter. Immediately after you finish reading each individual chapter, answer your choice of 2 of the 3 questions. Please write multiple complete sentences for each question, providing specific details from the book - even quotations. Use correct capitalization and punctuation. You may answer the questions directly in the packet or you may create a well-organized Google document and share it directly with me - [ahaas@abramsonline.org](mailto:ahaas@abramsonline.org). Enjoy the book; it's great!

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences

Chapter 1

1. Who is Quinton? What do you know about him so far? Provide specific examples and details from the text.

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2. Why is Amari's scholarship to Jefferson Academy revoked? Why is Amari's mom so upset about this?

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3. Summarize the email that Amari saw in Quinton's email account.

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**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Describe the items that Amari found in the briefcase from Quinton.

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2. Why did the delivery person decide not to erase Amari's memory of his visit?

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3. Why do you think Quinton told Amari to lie down before putting on the pair of thick metallic shades?

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Chap. 2

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Do you think Amari should have told her mom about seeing Quinton? Why or why not?

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2. Describe what Amari sees on the ocean floor when looking through the telescope.

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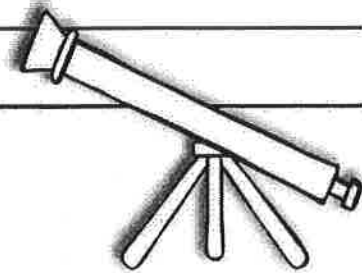
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3. What is a Wakeful Dream and why was it sent to Amari?

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Chapter 3

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. List the dire consequences of reading the classified information without the proper permissions: from the paperwork in Quinton's envelope left for Amari.

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2. Quinton's old warning to Amari flashed into her head when talking with Jayden. "You're not going to change the world unless you hang with people who want to change the world too". What are 3 ways that you can change the world right now?

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3. Would you leave the house without permission like Amari did to follow the directions that were left behind in the briefcase from Quinton? Why or why not?

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Chap. 4

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What made Mr. Ware decide to bend the rules and interview Amari even though she was late, and the summer program had already begun?

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2. Why did Amari decide to accept the invitation without knowing anything about it?

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3. Would you accept the invitation to the summer camp without knowing anything about it? Why or why not?

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Chap. 5

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Mr. Ware stated that people tend to fear what they don't understand. Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?

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2. What is badge testing?

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3. Describe what happens when Amari puts the long, thin plastic tube under her tongue. What do you predict this means?

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Chap. 6

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What happens when Amari puts the True Sight drops in her eyes?

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2. How is Amari's mom paying for all the items she bought for Amari to go to camp? How does Amari feel about this and why?

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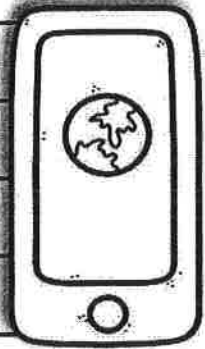
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3. Amari sees many supernatural creatures on the way to the meeting while her mom is driving. Describe two of these creatures.

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Chap. 7



**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Describe Amari's roommate Elsie. Provide textual evidence supporting your details.

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2. Why are magicians scary in the supernatural world?

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3. What badge does Elsie predict Amari will receive and why?

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Chap. 8

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. According to Chief Crowe, once badges are assigned, is it possible to change the badge?

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2. What is the Crystal Ball and how is it used?

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3. Describe what happens when Amari touches the Crystal Ball.

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Chap. 9

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Describe how the Night Brothers, Sergei Vladimir and Raoul Moreau, obtained magic?

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2. What kind of magician is Amari determined so far to be, according to Director Fokus?

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3. What does Agent Fiona determine about Amari's intentions?

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Chap. 10

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences

1. Agent Magnus asks Amari if she is prepared for people forming opinions and saying nasty things about her based on nothing more than what she is. Does Amari feel she is prepared? Provide text-based details to support your answer.

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2. What department does Amari want to join and why?

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3. Do you think Amari will be accepted into the department that she wants? Why or why not?

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Chap. 11

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences

1. What are the steps that Amari and Elsie create for their investigation into the disappearance of VanQuish?

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2. Why does Director Van Helsing say Amari is at a disadvantage in becoming a junior agent?

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3. What does Dylan Van Helsing share with Amari about VanQuish?

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Chap. 12

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Who does Amari receive a business card from while on a tour of the Department of Supernatural Investigations? What else did this character offer Amari?

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2. What does Dylan Van Helsing share about the current location of Moreau?

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3. Do you think Amari should be allowed to speak with Moreau to try to learn more about the disappearance of VanQuish? Why or why not?

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Chapter 13

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What demands were made in the letter from Moreau's apprentice for the release of VanQuish?

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2. Describe the elevator that Amari took to see the Chief Director.

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3. What do you think Moreau will share with Amari?

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Chap. 14

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Moreau asked Amari if anyone had claimed her. What does this mean?

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2. Moreau shares he has a plan being carried out that is many years in the making. Describe that plan.

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3. Do you think Moreau's one lie is that he doesn't know where Quinton is? Why or why not?

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*Chap. 15*



**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Dylan opens up to Amari in the line before the Invisible Bridge. What does he share with her?

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2. Why did Lara say that Quinton is responsible for her sister Maria's disappearance?

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3. Dylan says that Amari needs to take a leap of faith while trying to cross the Invisible Bridge. Could Dylan have been suggesting a leap of faith about anything else? Why or why not?

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Chap. 16

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Describe the boogeyperson that visited the Supernatural Immersion class.

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2. What did Lara share about boogeypeople?

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3. Do you think Amari should have gone to the Vanderbilt Hotel alone to meet magiciangirl8? Why or why not?

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Chap. 17

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Why did the crystal ball not reveal Dylan to be a magician?

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2. Dylan thinks he might know what the item is that Moreau wants. Describe that item.

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3. What is a weaver?

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Chap. 18

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What appeared when Amari grabbed the crown and why did it try to attack Amari?

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2. What was the most valuable possession in the Wakeful Dream and why?

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3. How did Dylan defend Amari against Lara after they won the first challenge?

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Chap. 19

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What item in VanQuish's office brought Amari to tears? Why?

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2. Why did VanQuish have a floating office?

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3. Do you think Amari will return to the Bureau after she saw the wall above her bed vandalized and heard all the other trainees chanting "No magicians allowed"? Why or why not?

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Chap. 20

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What spell does Amari attempt to do on her own? What does it do and is she successful?

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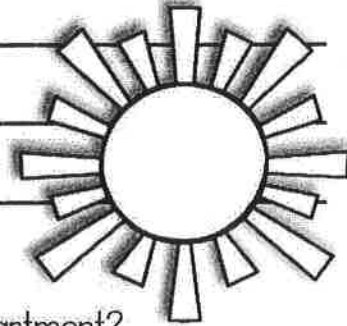
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2. Why is Amari embarrassed to have both Elsie and Dylan in her apartment?

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3. Dylan shows Amari there is more to the spell book than she originally thought. What does the book contain and how does Amari feel about it?

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Chap. 21

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences

1. Why is Amari so angry at the Detective that is speaking to her mom?

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2. What does Jayden say to Amari when they were talking together on the apartment building roof?

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3. What does Amari witness in the video messages sent to her cellphone?

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Chap. 22

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What are the effects of the hybrid attacks on the legacy families?

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2. What does Director Horus see in the constellation when Amari casts the stardust to show her present and future?

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3. What did Amari learn when she asked Director Horus about why Quinton came to speak with him the night VanQuish went missing?

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Chap. 23



**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What are Stun Sticks and what are its effects?

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2. What are the two items Amari and Elsie discover are to never be bought together under any circumstances? Why?

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3. What does Dylan tell Amari is the second tryout?

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Chap. 24

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Describe how Amari uses magic to get by the Mars mantrap.

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2. How do Amari and Dylan retrieve the clue at the bottomless pit?

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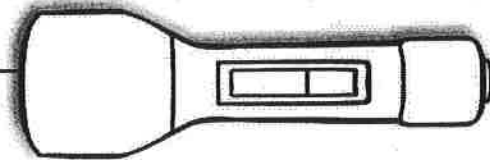
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3. Do you think Amari and Dylan should have been allowed to move to the finale even though they cheated? Why or why not?

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*Chap. 25*

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What did Lara discover about Amari's past?

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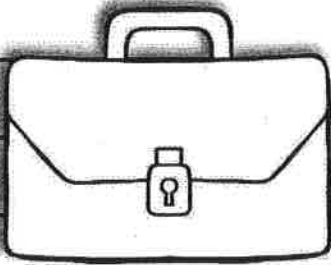
2. What does Amari believe is in Quinton's 2nd farewell briefcase? Why is this important?

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3. Do you think Amari should be able to use her magic during the finale to show her supernatural abilities? Why or why not?

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*Chap. 26*

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Describe the foods that Amari, Dylan, and Elsie sample at the All-Soul Festival.

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2. What does Madame Violet accept as payment, what does Elsie reveal, and what knowledge is promised?

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3. Who meets Amari and Elsie in the alley at the All-Soul Festival? What happens?

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Chap. 27

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Describe what Amari shows the audience in the auditorium using her illusions.

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2. Do you think Dylan made the right choice to give up his spot in the demonstration of supernatural abilities to Amari? Why or why not?

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3. Who do you think summoned the bat hybrids into the auditorium after Amari's demonstration? Why?

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Chap. 28

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences

1. Why does Amari decide not to leave with Elsie and the Junior Agents escaping the attack?

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2. Who broke into the Great Vault and what was stolen?

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3. What hybrid would you be most scared of and why?

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Chap. 29

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Why does Agent Magnus have to obtain permission to go after the Black Key?

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2. Who put the rule change of only needing three out of four passing marks in the supernatural abilities demonstration and why?

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3. What was the very first lesson in Madam Violet's spell book that Amari remembered when talking to Moreau? Why was this important?

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Chap. 30

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences

1. What are the two reasons Agent Magnus gives for being set up for letting the hybrids into the Bureau?

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2. How was Elsie able to help Amari and Dylan escape when they were almost caught in the Transporter Room?

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3. Do you think Amari and Dylan will find the Black Key is still safe with Henry Underhill? Why or why not?

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Chap. 31



**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Amari sees Quinton and Maria lying still with green mist hovering in the air above them. What is happening to them both?

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2. What were Moreau's plans for Amari?

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3. What happened to Moreau?

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Chap. 32

**SHORT ANSWER:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences

1. How can everyone communicate with Quinton even though he hasn't woken up yet?

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2. Amari meets Cosimo Galileo Leonardo de Pazzi from the League of Magicians. What does he offer to Amari?

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3. Was VanQuish really breaking up?

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Chap. 33