

Nim's Island Discussion Questions

Chapter 1

How would you feel being left alone on an island for 3 days and 3 nights?

Look at the map of the island. Where would you choose to live if you were there, and why? What places would be your favorite?

Would you prefer to have a school like Nim or do you prefer your regular school? Why or why not?

Chapter 2

What makes Nim feel lonely?

How do Nim and Jack get internet access and power?

Why do you think Nim escapes into her book at night when she is alone?

Chapter 3

Get a dictionary and define the word *incognito*.

Why was Nim so excited when she read that the author of the book was Alex Rover?

What is mysterious about Alex Rover?

Chapter 4

Describe Keyhole Cave.

How did Nim finally get word from Jack?

Chapter 5

Research sea turtles.

What do most sea turtles do after they lay their eggs? What does Chica do?

Chapter 6

What are the rules of coconut soccer? How are they the same and different from how we play soccer?

What is Alex Rover's story going to be about? Write your own family adventure story with kids as the heroes!

Chapter 7

How would you use the following items:

Spyglass

Whorly, whistling shell

Coconuts

What happened to Fire Mountain to change it from a round green peak? Research volcanoes erupting today and how they changed the earth around them.

Chapter 8

Why is Nim afraid that the ship will see the island?

Discuss what would happen if the Troppi Tourists had landed on the island.

Chapter 9

Why was Nim crying?

Why wasn't the pearl lucky in the end?

Chapter 10

Why didn't Nim write Jack a letter back (two reasons)?

If you were Nim, would you have told Alex you were alone on the island? Why or why not?

Chapter 11

If you packing for a trip to a remote island, what would you pack?

What characteristics do you think a hero should have?

Chapter 12

Why does Alex decide she needs to meet the Troppo Tourists (two reasons)? Do you think that is a good idea? Why or why not?

How have you gotten over a fear you had?

Chapter 13

How did Nim get the feeling that something was wrong?

What does the author compare Alex's boat to in the big ocean? What would you compare it to?

Chapter 14

Nim has many worries. What are they?

How did Nim save Alex from drowning? How could you help someone who was in trouble?

Chapter 15

Why did Nim hate the stories Alex told about her home in the city?

Nim gives the pearl to Alex rather than set it in front of her mom's picture. Why?

What does it mean "to go pale"?

Chapter 16

Why didn't Alex like Jack?

Would you want to leave the island? Why or why not?

What would you like to happen to the characters after the story ends? Write another chapter with your family about life now for Nim, Jack and Alex and the animals from Nim's Island.