

The Witch of Blackbird Pond

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Meeting 1 (Chapter 1 - November 8th)

Directions: Answer ALL FOUR questions in your close reading notebook. Label your questions with the meeting number and the date. These answers must be in full sentences and must be done thoughtfully to get credit for this work.

1. When and where does the story take place?
2. Why was everyone so surprised that Kit could swim?
3. Compare Kit and Nat. How are they similar and different?
4. How do you think this chapter might set up the plot for the rest of the story?

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This chapter took place on a boat on the Connecticut River going to New England. It takes place in mid-April 1687.

Everyone was so surprised that Kit could swim was because most people were from Connecticut and they were taught otherwise.

Kit is impulsive has many clothes. Nat is resourceful and doesn't have a lot of clothes. They both know how to swim and they are around the same age.

This could set up a plot because it could show how Kit is different and people don't understand her very well.