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Some Useful Finds

Just then the rubbish dump came into sight and they started to run towards it. It was a flattish hill of ashes and cinders, mixed with old tyres and broken furniture.

James and Jenny began to climb over this hill of rubbish exclaiming every time they found treasure. Penny followed not liking the dust that rose under her feet and the crunch of the cinders but was as pleased as the others when she found a big bundle of paper with one side plain.

“Drawing paper!” she called out . “Scribbling paper!” Sheets and sheets and sheets. We can make it pretty and paper the whole of the doll’s house. We can play schools too.”

“A chain” said James clanking it joyfully. “A strong, useful chain. We can play at prisons and I’ll chain you up.”

The Bicycle Wheel by Ruth Ainsworth.

Please read the text carefully and then answer the questions.

1. What four things did the rubbish dump consist of ?

2. Define:

Treasure: _____

Shaking: _____

Clanking: _____

Cinders: _____

3. What did James and Jenny do every time they found treasure?

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4. What two things did Penny not like about the dump?

5. James used two adjectives to describe the chain, can you highlight them ?

6. Can you think of four adjectives to describe how the children might feel climbing over the dump?

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