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Chapter 1: Not for Sale

READING NOTES

moorlands	hill lands where only certain plants can grow
dog fanciers	dog lovers
harum-scarum	reckless
kennelmen	people who tend a kennel or dog house

VOCABULARY: Write the meaning of each bold word or phrase.

1. In that **bleak** part of northern England _____
2. the dog seems to **thrive** _____
3. walking at the heels of humbly **clad** workmen _____
4. come **pelting** across the concrete playground _____
5. had his **kennels** full of fine dogs. _____
6. men are **bludgeoned** by fate. _____

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS: Answer the following in complete sentences.

1. What is the first reason Lassie is the best-known dog in the village?

2. What do the women of the village say about Lassie that is the second reason Lassie is the best-known dog in the village?

3. What is the third reason Lassie is the best-known dog in Greenall Bridge?

4. What kind of work do the men in hundreds of Yorkshire villages do?

5. Who has been trying to buy Lassie? How long has he been trying?

6. What does Lassie represent for the community?

QUOTATIONS

Yet, dogs are owned by men, and men are bludgeoned by fate.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. "Generally, when a man raised an especially fine dog, some day it would stop being a dog and instead would become something on four legs." Read and consider this whole paragraph at the bottom of p. 3. Why do the people of Greenall Bridge have to think this way?
2. Situational irony is when something happens contrary to what is generally expected. Why is it ironic that this community has Lassie and other collies?
3. Foreshadowing is a literary device in which the author gives the reader some clues about what is going to happen later in the story. This can be a hint about what a character is really like or an event that is about to happen. Read the last paragraph of the chapter. What do you think this foreshadows?
4. Why do you think Lassie is so named?

ENRICHMENT

1. This chapter introduces ideas about the class system of Great Britain carried over from the Middle Ages. Read below about some of these ideas:
 - **aristocrat**: a member of the nobility, the highest social class
 - **estate**: land granted by a lord to a vassal; also called a feud
 - **duke**: the highest members of society after the royal family; derives from the Latin *dux* for leader; referred to as "Your/His Grace"; the territory ruled by a duke is called a duchy
 - **lordship**: all nobility of lower rank than duke are referred to as "Your/His Lordship"
 - **Yorkshire**: shires are counties; from the Old English word *scir*, shires were presided over by a court official called a "shire-reeve," or sheriff
2. Discuss the setting of the book. Is Greenall Bridge real or fictional? Where is Yorkshire? Find it on the map in the Appendix. Discuss the land, population, and circumstances of the area.

3. In the Appendix, begin filling in the list of Characteristics of Nobility.

Chapter 17: Lassie Comes Over the Border

READING NOTES

thrush	a dull brown and speckled medium-sized songbird
scuttle	a metal pan for carrying coal
shillings	coins used in the United Kingdom, worth 1/20 of a pound each
purling	knitting in a purl stitch

VOCABULARY: Write the meaning of each bold word or phrase.

1. the small **pension** that the Government paid _____
2. When Fadden announced **belligerently** _____
3. the light glowed **incandescent** _____
4. it's such a **bonnie** dog _____
5. The woman caught his **ominous** tone. _____
6. the woman repeated **stolidly**. _____

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS: Answer the following in complete sentences.

1. What is significant about Lassie crossing the Tweed River?

2. Describe Lassie in her state of utter exhaustion.

3. What do the Faddens do for Lassie? How is this a sacrifice for them?

4. Why does Lassie feel a peace come over her when she is brought into the Fadden home?

5. Why is Dally worried about Lassie's owner coming for her?

QUOTATIONS

So their life went, with dignity and great content—but always with the thought of precious pennies.

It was the last of their milk.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Though the Faddens are not of noble birth, they could be described as noble people. Give examples.
2. Why do you think Mrs. Fadden is insistent that her husband seek the owner of Lassie immediately?
3. If Dan actually killed the goose he has avoided killing every year, Dally "would have felt the world was dropping from under her." Why does Dally feel like this?

ENRICHMENT

1. Read the poem "I Never Saw a Moor" in the Appendix. If you have *Poetry for the Grammar Stage*, complete the poem study. If not, do the following:
 - a. Find the poem "I Never Saw a Moor" in the Appendix.
 - b. Read it through several times.
 - c. Discuss the meanings of the words, the aspects of poetry, and its message.
 - d. Copy it carefully and precisely.
 - e. Memorize it and recite it for your family or class.
2. In the Appendix, add to the lists of Characteristics of Nobility and A Life of Integrity.