

MEG: A Novel of Deep Terror

STUDY GUIDE



Chapter 1 (MEGALODON)

- What caused the herd of duckbill dinosaurs to flee the beach?

Chapter 2 (THE PROFESSOR)

- Describe a Megalodon?
- What two reasons/theories might explain why these sharks disappeared?
- Where is the Marina Trench? How deep is it?

Chapter 3 (GOLDEN EAGLE)

- Why was Jonas upset with Maggie?

Chapter 4 (UNIS)

- What is the mission that Terry wants Jonas to complete?

Chapter 5 (NIGHT OWLS)

- What is a UNIS? What is its purpose?

Chapter 6 (MONTEREY)

- What psychological fear does Jonas suffer from?

Chapter 7 (THE REPORTER)

- Why doesn't Maggie simply divorce Jonas?

Chapter 8 (LAGOON)

- What is Masao's real reason for summoning Jonas?
- What does Jonas see on the video that changes his mind?

Chapter 9 (MASAO)

- Why is Masao so fond of whales?
- What happened to Jonas seven years ago in the Trench?

Chapter 10 (THE KIKU)

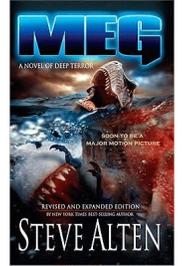
- Why is Terry so upset with Jonas?
- What is chemosynthesis?
- What is Lexan?

Chapter 11 (HELLER)

- How does Jonas know Heller?

Chapter 12 (NIGHTFALL)

- If Megs do live in the abyss, why haven't we seen them?

**Chapter 13 (DESCENT)**

- a) What is the water pressure at the bottom of the Trench?
- b) What is a Black Smoker? How hot are they?

Chapter 14 (THE BOTTOM)

- a) Why are some fish living in the abyss luminescent?
- b) What object does Jonas mistake for a Megalodon tooth?

Chapter 15 (THE MALE)

- a) Why does Jonas want D.J. to power down his sub?
- b) How big is the male Megalodon?

Chapter 16 (THE KILL)

- a) How did D.J. die?

Chapter 17 (THE FEMALE)

- a) How was the female Megalodon able to rise beyond the warm bottom layer?

Chapter 18 (ESCAPE)

- a) How did Jonas escape from the Trench?

Chapter 19 (HARBOR)

- a) Why does Frank Heller feel it is safe to go boating?

Chapter 20 (THE MAGNATE)

- a) Why is Maggie upset by the phone call?

Chapter 21 (RECOVERY)

- a) What is gigantothermy?

Chapter 22 (NIGHT)

- a) What news story does Jonas believe is related to the female Megalodon?

Chapter 23 (SURFACE)

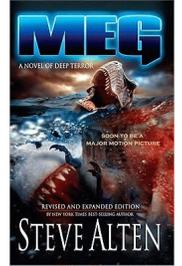
- a) What did the female Megalodon sense when it got close to the RMS *St. Columba* cargo ship?

Chapter 24 (SAIPAN)

- a) Who is Mac?
- b) Why was he discharged from the Navy?
- c) What is Jonas looking for in Saipan?

Chapter 25 (THE MEETING)

- a) Why won't the female Megalodon surface during the day?
- b) Why does Jonas fear the Megalodon's presence in coastal waters?

**Chapter 26 (STRATEGY)**

- a) What is Jonas's solution?
- b) How does Jonas plan to locate the Megalodon?

Chapter 27 (ATTACK)

- a) What is a thermal imager?
- b) Why does the Megalodon attack the chopper?

Chapter 28 (PEARL HARBOR)

- a) Who is Richard Danielson?
- b) How does he know Jonas?

Chapter 29 (JAWS, MAUD)

- a) Why does Barnes think he is underwater?
- b) Where was he really?

Chapter 30 (BATTLE AT SEA)

- a) Why did the female Megalodon attack the Tsunami?

Chapter 31 (OPENING DAY)

- a) What was the Tanaka Lagoon originally built to hold?

Chapter 32 (NETWORK)

- a) What does Maggie want?

Chapter 33 (THE CANYON)

- a) Where is the "Canyon?"

Chapter 34 (RED TRIANGLE)

- a) What is the preferred prey of the great white shark?
- b) Why is the area called the "Red Triangle?"

Chapter 35 (LIFE AND DEATH)

- a) What caused the Meg to cease her attack on the blue whale calf?

Chapter 36 (VISITORS)

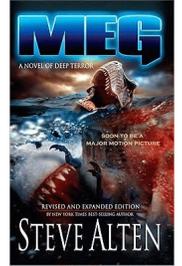
- a) Why does Maggie prefer a shark tube to a shark cage?
- b) What caused the Megalodon to attack?

Chapter 37 (CAT AND MOUSE)

- a) Maggie could have escaped. Why did she wait?

Chapter 38 (MORNING, MOURNING)

- a) What does this chapter heading refer to?

**Chapter 39 (WHALE WATCHERS)**

- a) Who visits Bud in the hospital?
- b) What do they want from him?

Chapter 40 (DUSK)

- a) What are Heller and his team attempting to do?

Chapter 41 (DECISIONS)

- a) What did Jonas take with him as his good luck charm?

Chapter 42 (DAWN)

- a) What is waiting for the *Kiku*?
- b) What causes the Megalodon to awaken?

Chapter 43 (CHAOS)

- a) What happens to Danielson?

Chapter 44 (FEEDING FRENZY)

- a) Who rescues the *Kiku* crew?

Chapter 45 (HELL)

- a) What does the chapter refer to as Hell?
- b) What “tool” does Jonas use to cut into the Megalodon’s stomach liner?
- c) What is keeping Jonas from escaping the dead Megalodon’s body?
- d) In the final scene, what is Jonas making eye contact with?