

The Mystery at Black Rock Beach:

Comprehension Questions for Chapters 9-11

1. In chapter 9, how does Franny discover that the pearls used to make the dog collars were stolen?
2. In chapter 9, why did Frankie pick Black Rock Beach as the location to sell his dog collars?
3. In chapter 10, in what additional way(s) *could* Fillmore have supported Franny in standing up to Frankie?
4. Why do you think people are afraid to stand up to a bully? What are some things you can do to overcome that fear?
5. Why isn't it a good idea to make choices based on who or what is popular at the time?
6. Is it always negative to be a follower? Can you think of a time when being a follower is a *good* thing?
7. What is the benefit in giving yourself approval as opposed to waiting for someone else to approve you?
8. In chapter 10, what does Fillmore teach Frankie about learning to forgive himself?
9. In chapter 10, what does Franny mean when she says that love is the gift that keeps on giving?
10. In what ways is love an experience?
11. Explain how it is possible to give love to people, places, or things that are taken away from you.

12. How can defiance and rebellion be viewed as positive and not negative? (Hint: Franny's favorite band, The Fussy Finches)
13. How can you tell the difference between fantasy and reality? What elements of the story are fantasy (could not happen in real life?) What elements of the story are reality (*could* happen in real life?)
14. What do you think is the advantage in leading with your heart as opposed to your mind or your eyes?