

1. *Mrs Whistlewell is undeniably dead.*

What does the word undeniably mean in this sentence?

2. On page 51, why do the children find it difficult to bury the bird?

3. Look at page 52, at the paragraph beginning: *Our great-uncle Lucian Leroux...*

Find and copy one word that shows they had not planned to visit their uncle's house.

4. Looking at pages 52 and 53. The children are not upset by their uncle's death.

Give **two** reasons why.

1. _____

2. _____

5. Who is Bill in relation to Lucian?

6. *I suppose sibling resentment weakens as death approaches.*

What does this suggest about the relationship between Bill and Lucian?

7. *I know you liked this as a child, Marcel. Maybe, you'll still like it now. I wouldn't want anyone else to have it.*

Give **two** impressions this gives you of Lucian.

1. _____

2. _____

8. On page 56, how can Marcel tell that Joseph is pleased with his object?

9. On page 57, **find and copy** a phrase that suggests Joseph is not taking Marcel seriously.

10. Using information from the pages 58 and 59, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is **fact** or **opinion**

| | Fact | Opinion |
|---|-------------|----------------|
| And for a moment there was silence. | | |
| Uncle Bill's been killed because the killer wanted whatever was in his box. | | |
| The killer must have run away and locked it behind him. | | |
| The key was in the lock, inside. | | |

11. *"Oh, mum!" I implored. "There might be clues!"*

What does the word implored mean?
