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Zorba the Greek Short Answer Test - Answer Key

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1. Where is the narrator sitting and thinking at the beginning of the story?

In a bar.

2. What does the narrator remember his friend teasing him about?

Being a bookworm rather than an adventurer.

3. What part of the narrator's friendship with his absent friend is he sad about?

The two argued rather than expressing love.

4. What pact do the narrator and his best friend make before parting?

They agree to telepathically warn one another of danger.

5. What is the name of the new friend the narrator makes at the beginning of the novel?

Zorba.

6. Who does the narrator hire to help him mine lignite on the island?

Zorba.

7. What does Zorba promise the narrator upon the initiation of their friendship?

He promises to cook him soup and play him music.

8. What or who does the narrator live for?

God.

9. What or who does Zorba live for?

Man as individual.

10. What or who does the narrator's long-time friend live for?

Mankind.

11. What reason does Zorba give for having attacked his old boss?

He offers no excuse or reason.

12. What exclamation does the first chapter conclude with?

"God and the Devil!"

13. What body part is Zorba missing a part of?

Finger.

14. Why does Zorba say he removed the body part?

It got in the way of his pottery.

15. The narrator warn Zorba that such passions may lead to the removal of what body part?

The sexual organs.

16. What is the primary message in the book that the narrator is reading?

It emphasizes the virtue of possessing nothing.

17. Zorba tells the narrator stories about the island. What kind of events does he describe?

Wars and revolutions.

18. Who do Zorba and the narrator stay with on their first night on the island?