

# Questions for the students to think about and research from “Mr. Blair’s Labyrinth”

1. Explain what *Midsummer’s Eve* is.

<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/381655/Midsummers-Eve>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Midsummer>

2. Derek Jeter – Who is he and why would Charlie want his glove?

[http://www.mlb.com/players/jeter\\_derek/about/bio.jsp](http://www.mlb.com/players/jeter_derek/about/bio.jsp)

[http://www.jockbio.com/Bios/Jeter/Jeter\\_bio.html](http://www.jockbio.com/Bios/Jeter/Jeter_bio.html)

3. Who is Lebron James?

<http://www.biography.com/people/lebron-james-399748>

4. Who was Lefty from the book?

<http://www.ranker.com/list/left-handed-baseball-players/left-handed>

6. Research “Bailey” (James Anthony Bailey) from the Barnum & Bailey Circus

<http://detroit1701.org/JamesBailey.htm>

<http://www.circushistory.org/Cooke/Cooke25.htm>

7. Is Hooverville a real place? If so, where did the name come from?

<http://www.legendsofamerica.com/20th-hoovervilles.html>

8. Is there really crossroad streets in Holly, Michigan named College and Sherman?

<http://goo.gl/maps/k8a4b>

9. Who or what is Chief Wawatam?

<http://www.carferries.com/chief/>

10. What is a Devil’s Whistle?

This meaning has to come from the book, not found on the internet.

11. Why is there such a thing as “Hobo Codes”?

<http://www.erroluys.com/HowAmericansHelpedEachOtherDuringtheGreatDepression.htm>

12. Have the students find the crossroads of Flint and Elizabeth street in Lake Orion on a map.

<http://goo.gl/maps/qLixA>

13. Where is Paint Creek, Michigan? How is it connected to Indianwood Lake?

<http://www.trailink.com/trail/paint-creek-trail.aspx> and <http://goo.gl/maps/Hhfqv>

## **Paint Creek Trail ( Rails to trails ) Rochester Hills to Village of Lake Orion, MI**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMaa-T1fA28&feature=related>

14. How far is it from Plude Road to Rudd's Mill?

<http://goo.gl/maps/wFqMW>

15. Why is Carpenter Rudd-Mill so important?

<http://www.orionhistoricalsociety.org/Rudd%20Mill%20Marker.htm>

16. Have the students use either of the maps that follow this page to name and/or put in sequence the route that Jack and Charlie took riding the rails or hitchhiking.

There are two different maps that follow this page, one with the names of the towns and one with just a route with no names.

### **Answers to the Route Sequence of Jack and Charlie**

1. Lake Orion – Flint and Elizabeth Street
2. North to Holly
3. Mackinac City , hitch hiked to
4. Traverse City
5. Watervilet
6. Dowling
7. Plude Road to
8. Rudd's Mill and
9. East to Orion