

Chapter 9: The Night of the Turtles Comprehension

Answer the following questions as accurately as you can.

Chapter 9 questions in chronological order	Your answer
1. How did they live after the plastic bottle incident? What did Kensuke prefer now?	Always polite, lived separately, didn't laugh anymore. Kensuke preferred to be alone, paint alone, fish alone.
2. Who did Kensuke think of when he thought of Tomodachi?	Michael's mother.
3. What did Kensuke say was different between him and Michael?	Kensuke wanted to stay on the island, didn't want to go home but Michael wants to go home.
4. When Kensuke found the message in a bottle, how did he feel and what did it help him understand?	Kensuke felt sad but he understood that Michael was torn between wanting to go home and wanting to stay.
5. Why did Kensuke change his mind about Michael going home?	He understood that Michael had his whole life ahead of him and he still had a chance to be found.
6. How did Michael try to comfort Kensuke? What did he say?	That bombs didn't kill everyone and his family could still be alive.
7. What did Michael suggest that Kensuke could do when a ship came?	Kensuke could go with Michael and go back to Japan.
8. Why was Kensuke not convinced?	He'd heard the Americans say that every house in Nagasaki was destroyed.
9. Although they built a fire every day, why was Michael dreading being saved?	Felt at home with Kensuke, felt terribly sad about leaving him.
10. How has Michael and Kensuke's relationship changed from the start of the chapter to the end?	Kensuke felt upset and betrayed at the beginning and would do things alone. By the end of the chapter they have bonded again and Kensuke begins to tell Michael that he will go to Japan with him.