

Red Maple Activity: Questions *Forty Days in Hicksville* by Christine Kilbourne
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Answer the following questions:

1. Why does Kate not like Clarendon (and calls it "Hicksville")? Where did she get that name from?

2. What are some of the rumours spreading in the town about Peter Goheen? Why do people spread rumours, and why is this a problem?

3. What do Zach and Kate find in the crevasse on her grandfather's property? What do the police find later in the same place?

4. Why does Kate suddenly feel badly about posting her video of the skull? Have you ever posted something or shared details about somebody that you later regretted?

5. Why did Sally's mom hide all of the pictures of James? Where did Sally and Kate find them?

6. What do Zach and Kate find in the drive shed? What do they think it means? What does it really mean?

7. According to Zach and Kate, who is "CJ Grover" and why is he sending messages on Facebook?

8. What was Kate's dad looking for in the drive shed? What did he say he was looking for, and why didn't he admit this at the start?

9. Why do Zach and Kate send false messages in social media about the discovery of the skeletons? Do you think it is ever okay to lie on the internet?

10. What does the mysterious customer leave with his tip in Sally's restaurant? Why doesn't he want to say who he is?