

The Cay Blurb—Adjectives

Directions: Reread the blurb in Part I, and then fill in the blanks in Part II with adjectives (modifies a noun or pronoun) that have the same, or nearly the same, meaning as the writer's omitted word.

Part I

The Cay

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When Phillip comes to, he is on a small raft in the middle of the sea. Besides Stew Cat, his only companion is an old West Indian, Timothy. Phillip remembers his mother's warning about black people: "They are different, and they live differently."

By the time the castaways arrive on a small island, Phillip's head injury has made him blind and dependent on Timothy. This is the story of their struggle to survive, and of Phillip's efforts to adjust to his blindness and to understand the dignified, wise, and loving old man who is his companion.

Part II

Phillip is excited when the Germans invade the _____ island of Curacao.

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