



Suggested answers to questions about Chapter 2 of Diver's Daughter

1. Can you find two pieces of information in this chapter that show the story is set during historical times?

Answers might include reference to the “cobbled” streets. There are lots of references to King Henry VIII’s warship *The Mary Rose* – his grandfather helped to build it, his father was a carpenter on the ship and George Symon’s himself worked on it. These examples all show that the story is set in the past.

2. What did George Symons have in common with Eve? Use evidence from the text to explain your answer.

We know that Eve fell into the water on her wherry boat journey back from the fair. In this chapter, George Symons tells them that he was scared of the water because he had once fell in. *“But once I ... I was tipped into the water so close to shore.”* Further on, he talks about he felt when the Mary Rose went down. *“I just want you to know that I understand how it feels when the water’s got hold of you and is sucking you under. I understand what it’s like to see every moment of your life before you, when you’re sure that you will die.”*

So the fact they had both almost drowned was what they had in common.

3. *‘His teeth were the colour of underwater.’* Why do you think this made Eve “jolt”.

First you would need to find the definition of “jolt” which means a sudden or violent movement. You could say that she was scared by his teeth when he smiled because they were ugly, but mainly she jolted because it reminded her of when she was underwater the day before when she almost drowned.

4. Why do you think the serving girl and her mum kept staring at Eve and her mother? Back up your ideas with **evidence** from the text.

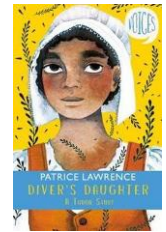
You would need to infer this answer, based on your knowledge of Chapter one and these instances of Eve being stared at:

*“Perhaps it was only me that noticed a woman who must have been his wife and a serving girl peering round the barrels at us.”*

*“The serving girl was summoned for ale and she still couldn’t resist having a peep at me.”*

If you remember from the previous chapter, Eve’s mother came from Mozambique and Eve had explained, *“our skin is browner than everyone else’s.”* At that time there wouldn’t have been a lot of people in London with brown skin and therefore that’s why Eve thought the serving girl and her mother were staring at them. In our times, this wouldn’t happen but, if it did, we would see this as being very rude.

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5. **Find and copy** one word which suggests that Eve felt sick.

The word I am looking for is churned, from the sentence:

*“My stomach churned every time I moved and my mouth tasted like I’d eaten a dead rat.”*

6. The last line of the chapter is “To dive, of course.” Does this explain the title of the book? Explain how?

**We have now discovered that Eve’s mother is an amazing swimmer and diver. When George Symons described Eve being rescued he said:**

**“It was like a miracle. You dived into the water like – like a porpoise. And I’ve seen porpoises.” He laughed. The lines in his face smoothed out a little. “I have never seen a woman swim like that. Or indeed a man. Did you learn in your own land?” We know the book tells Eve’s story. We now have an idea that her mother is going to become a diver – therefore it explains the title – Diver’s Daughter.**

7. Number these events below to show the order that they happened.

**Here is the correct order of events.**

	Number
George Symons shared the boat journey with Eve and her mother.	3
George Symons went to the Fair.	2
George Symons arranged to meet Eve and her’s mother	4
George Symons worked on The Mary Rose	1

Well done if you were able to find some of these answers. Don’t worry if you didn’t but I hope this gives you a deeper understanding of the story.

Thank you.

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