**A Walk in the Woods**

**Chapters 4 & 5, Handout A**

1. Why was the National Forest Service created, and what do they build according to Bryson? (p.66)

2. A) When Katz and Bryson meet Mary Ellen, she makes many negative comments about them and their gear. List 3 things that she says are “bad” or a “big mistake”. (p. 73-75)

B) Bryson and Katz put up with Mary Ellen’s comments and allow her to camp with them, would you do the same? What would you do if in that situation?

3. A) Explain in your own words what Trail Magic is. (p. 87)

B) Trail Magic relies on the kindness and trust of strangers; do you think that as Katz and Bryson hike through the AT the amount of rides, and other kinds of Trail Magic will change? How and why? (Remember the AT goes through Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine)

4. Katz says that he feels like they ditched Mary Ellen, and Bryson states that they are not responsible for her. (p. 95) Who do you agree with and why?

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**Chapters 4 & 5, Handout B**

1. A) Why was the National Forest Service created? (p. 66)
   1. To create National Parks for people to go to
   2. To hold onto valuable forest
   3. To prevent forest fires
   4. All of the above

B) What does the National Forest Service build? (p. 66)

1. National Parks and campgrounds
2. Roads
3. Man-made forests
4. All of the above

2. A) Mary Ellen says which of their gear is “bad”? Circle all that apply. (p. 73-75)

1. Noodles
2. Rain jacket
3. Tent
4. Boots
5. Packs

B) Bryson and Katz put up with Mary Ellen’s comments and allow her to camp with them, would you do the same?

1. Yes
2. No

If No, what is one thing that you would do to not let her camp with you?

3. A) Trail Magic is…. (p. 87)

1. When someone picks you up when you get off the trail
2. Something that every hiker wants when hiking the AT
3. Good things that happen when they are most needed
4. All of the above

B) Do you think the amount of Trail Magic that Katz and Bryson get will change as they go through the AT? (Remember the AT goes through Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine)

1. Yes
2. No

If Yes, in what area or state will it change? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Katz says that they ditched Mary Ellen, and Bryson says that they are not responsible for her because she chose to come on the trail. Who do you agree with? (p. 95)

1. Katz
2. Bryson