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Past Connections

Short Answer Key

1. Elya Yelnats' broken promise led to a family curse, which caused bad luck for generations, including Stanley's arrest.
2. Katherine Barlow's story explains why Camp Green Lake became a dry, deserted place and why treasure was buried there.
3. Zero's real name is Hector Zeroni, and he is related to Madame Zeroni, which means he and Stanley were connected long before they met.
4. Stanley learns that people can change their fate by making better choices and righting past mistakes.
5. The flashbacks help readers understand how history repeats itself and how Stanley's actions are connected to the past.

