Holes – Chapter 31

Independent Task

During chapter 23, the Warden's fingers are referred to as rattlesnakes. "And even if they did find refuge on Big Thumb, he thought, they'd still have to come back here, eventually. Then they'd both have to face the Warden, and her rattlesnake fingers." What is Sachar trying to tell us about the Warden's actions and intent? Why has he chosen a rattlesnake? What other metaphors or simile could you use to describe her fingers?