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**Questions:** Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. What effect has the Depression had upon the Logan family?

2. How is Cassie’s school different from the one that the white children attend?

3. Why are the school calendars of the white and black schools different?

4. What does the “burning” incident reveal about racial attitudes in Sokane County, Mississippi?

5. What is the children’s reaction to the school bus that threatens them as they walk to school?

6. Why is Jeremy often ridicules by other children? Why do you think he continues to walk with Cassie’s family?
7. Why is Little Man upset about the schoolbooks? Do you think he should have refused the book?

**Literary Elements: Dialect** – Dialect is a form of language spoken in a specific area which differs somewhat from standard English in vocabulary, grammar, and idiom. Writers often use dialect to give readers a sense of realism. Notice, for example, Little Man’s remarks to his sister.

Y’all go ahead and get dirty if y’all wanna . . .  
Me, I’m gonna stay clean.

What does this dialect reveal about Little Man?

How might it be rewritten in Standard English?

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**Chapter 2 - 3**

**Vocabulary Words:**

- scoff
- fibrous
- gait
- formidable
- penetrating
- glared
- lynched
- resiliency
- donned
- embittered
- coddling
- relent
Questions: Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. Why does Papa come home for just one day?

   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________

2. Why does Papa want Mr. Morrison to stay?

   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________

3. Why does Papa tell the children not to go near the Wallace store?

   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________

4. Discuss why the Logan children are upset about walking to and from school in the rainy weather.

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   ______________________________________________________

Section 2

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Vocabulary:
pact _____________________________________________
listless _________________________________________
expound __________________________________________
prevail __________________________________________
feign ____________________________________________
emphatic _________________________________________
vex ______________________________________________
patronize ________________________________________

Questions: Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. Why was Sam Tatum tarred and feathered? Although this was a terrible act, why are the Logan children somewhat relieved?
2. Why doesn’t Stacey feel the same way about Mr. Morrison as the other children in the family?

3. Why does Stacey accept punishment for cheating when he isn’t guilty?

4. Why does Mr. Morrison fetch the children from the Wallace store?

5. Why does Mama take the children to visit Mr. Berry instead of scolding or whipping them?

6. Why do Harlan Granger and Big Ma each have strong feelings about the Logans’ land?

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**Chapter 5 – 6**

**Vocabulary:**

- warily
- wheedle
- teeming
- clabber
- humiliate
- retaliate
- malevolent
- falter
- audible
- nattily
aloofness ________________________________________ _________________________________________
moping ___________________________________________ _______________________________________
reprimand ________________________________________ _______________________________________
reverently _________________________________________ ________________________________________
spindly __________________________________________ ________________________________________

Questions: Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. Why doesn’t Big Ma take Cassie’s advice to move the farm wagon forward where customers will notice it?
   _____________________________________________________ _______________________________________
   _____________________________________________________ _______________________________________
   _____________________________________________________ _______________________________________

2. Compare Stacey’s and Cassie’s reactions to Mr. Barnett’s racist insults in the store.
   _____________________________________________________ _______________________________________
   _____________________________________________________ _______________________________________
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3. How is Uncle Hammer’s reaction toward bigotry different from that of the other adults in the family?
   _____________________________________________________ _______________________________________
   _____________________________________________________ _______________________________________
   _____________________________________________________ _______________________________________

4. What does Uncle Hammer decide to do when he learns how Mr. Simms treated Cassie? Why doesn’t he follow through? What do you think would have happened if he had?
   _____________________________________________________ _______________________________________
   _____________________________________________________ _______________________________________
   _____________________________________________________ _______________________________________
   _____________________________________________________ _______________________________________

5. How does Mama explain southern bigotry to Cassie?
   _____________________________________________________ _______________________________________
   _____________________________________________________ _______________________________________
   _____________________________________________________ _______________________________________

6. Why does Mama say “one day we’ll pay” after Uncle Hammer drives them across the bridge?
   _____________________________________________________ _______________________________________
   _____________________________________________________ _______________________________________
Vocabulary:
placid ___________________________________________

eviction _________________________________________

revenue __________________________________________

denote ___________________________________________

insolent _________________________________________

impaled __________________________________________

fuming ___________________________________________

feigned __________________________________________

barren ___________________________________________

interjected ______________________________________

bewildered _______________________________________

fallow ___________________________________________

Questions: Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. Why doesn’t Uncle Hammer want Stacey to get the coat back from T. J.?

2. What happened in Mr. Morrison’s past that account for his attitude toward white injustice?

3. What is Little Man’s most treasured Christmas gift? Why do you think he values this gift above all other’s?

4. Why does Papa discourage Stacey’s friendship with Jeremy?

5. According to Mr. Jamison, why will Harlan Granger resent the Wallace story boycott?
6. Why is Cassie’s revenge against Lillian Simms appropriate?

Literary Elements: Foreshadowing – Foreshadowing refers to the clues an author provides to suggest events that will happen later in the story. What do you think the final lines in Chapter Seven foreshadow? Why do you suppose the writer chose not to have Mr. Granger explain exactly what was on his mind?

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Vocabulary:

- lingering
- amenities
- lilt
- rile
- premature
- agitated
- prod

Questions: Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. Tell what the Logans learn about T. J.’s new “friends.”

2. Discuss Mrs. Logan’s explanation of T.J.’s problem.
3. Review the standing of the boycott against the Wallaces at this point.

4. Describe what happens to Mr. Logan, Mr. Morrison, and Stacey on the way from Vicksburg.

5. Relate Stacey’s feelings about his incident?

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**Section 4**

**Chapter 10**

**Vocabulary:**

- lethargic
- amble
- complex
- reproach
- sweltering
- en masse
- desolate

1. Describe how the Logan children spend their August days after chores are done.

2. What is Mr. Morrison’s news when he returns from the bank in Strawberry?

3. Relate how the Logans pay off the mortgage completely.
4. Discuss how T. J. hopes to impress old friends at the church revival.

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*Chapter 11 – 12*

**Vocabulary:**
- despicable
- vulnerability
- hastened
- interminable
- akimbo
- rasped
- emitted
- prone
- traipsing
- menacingly
- billow
- glint
- acrid
- oblivious
- wan

**Questions:** Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. Why doesn’t the white mob lynch T. J.?

2. Why is it important that Cassie and her younger brothers return quickly to alert Papa?

3. Why does Papa change his mind about punishing the children with his belt?