

Study Guide:
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
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Chapters 1-2

1. What happened to the Berry brothers and their father?

2. What did Mama do with Cassie's and Little Man's books, along with her seventh- grade books, when Miss Crocker told her why her children had rejected them?

3 What happened that caused Big Ma to leave the Logan house late at night?

4 Why didn't Jeremy and the Logans go to the same school?

5. Why was it such an exciting event for the children to have reading books?

6. If you had to walk 3½ hours to school, would you still go? Why or why not?

Chapters 3-4

7. What reasons did Mr. Morris give for not telling Mrs. Logan about the fight?

8. What do you think T.J. was doing in Mama's room?

9. Why didn't Cassie tell her mother the truth about what she did and what she saw?

10. Who did Cassie see moving quietly alongside the house with a shotgun?

11. What did Big Ma retrieve from under Cassie's bed while Cassie was supposedly sleeping?

12. Describe the difference between racism and prejudice.

Chapters 5-6

13. What did Mama mean when referring to the bridge incident by saying, "one day we'll pay"?

14. Why did Big Ma take Stacey and Cassie to Strawberry with her?

15. Why do you think Big Ma made Cassie apologize to Lillian Jean?

16. How did Uncle Hammer react to the news of Mr. Simms pushing Cassie off the sidewalk?

17. Why did T.J., Cassie, and Stacey have to wait so long to be helped in Mr. Barnett's store?

18. If you were Big Ma during the incident with Mrs. Simms pushing Cassie, what would you have done and why?

Chapters 7-8

19. How did T.J. get Mrs. Logan fired from her teaching job at school?

20. What did Cassie do to Lillian Jean when she tricked her into going into the woods with her?

21. Why didn't Papa go after Charlie Simms?

22. What happened to T.J. that was worse than a beating?

23. What did Jeremy bring to the Logans for Christmas?

24. Do you think Cassie was right in doing what she did to Lillian Jean? Why or why not?

Chapters 9-10

25. How were Jeremy's brothers treating T.J.?

26. Why wasn't Papa upset at Mr. Avery and Mr. Lanier for backing out of the Vicksburg shopping?

27. How did Papa get hurt while coming back from Strawberry with Stacey and Mr. Morrison?

28. What news was in the letter that Mr. Morrison brought back from Strawberry?

29. What did Mr. Jamison reveal to Papa about the Wallaces?

30. If you were faced with the same dilemma as Mr. Avery, would you keep shopping in Vicksburg, or would you return to shopping at the Wallace's store?

31. What did Papa say was going to happen to T.J.?

32. Who did Cassie get to try to help T.J.?

33. What caught on fire?

34. What did Jeremy say would help put out the fire?

35. How did R.W. and Melvin get away with the crime they committed?

Review

<p>36. The Logan children received books for Christmas.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> False</p> <p><input type="radio"/> True</p>	<p>37. Mr. Morrison stopped the fight between T.J. and Stacey.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> True</p> <p><input type="radio"/> False</p>
<p>38. What did T.J. say had happened to Sam Tatum?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> He had been burned.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> He won an award.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> The night men had tarred and feathered him.</p>	<p>39. What did T.J. want Stacey to steal from his mama?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> The answers to the test</p> <p><input type="radio"/> A statue</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Her jewelry</p>
<p>40. Why did Big Ma drive her wagon to the other side of the field from the other people?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> She had regular customers that would check to see if she was there before they would buy from anyone else.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> She didn't like the other people.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> The other side only allowed white people.</p>	<p>41. What was Stacey's plan to get revenge on the bus driver?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> They would dig a very large hole in the middle of the road so the bus would get stuck.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> He would shoot the bus driver.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> He would slash the bus' tires.</p>
<p>42. Who was at the Logans' house when Big Ma, Cassie and Stacey came back from Strawberry?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mr. Avery</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mr. Jamison</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Uncle Hammer</p>	<p>43. The Wallaces allowed the Logans to cross the bridge before them because they thought that Mr. Granger was driving the Packard.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> True</p> <p><input type="radio"/> False</p>
<p>44. Who did Big Ma sign over the Logan land to so it would be safe?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Papa and Stacey</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mr. Avery and Papa</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Papa and Uncle Hammer</p>	<p>45. What did Mama suggest they do to pay the mortgage on their land?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Borrow money from Uncle Hammer</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sell their car</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Steal money from the Wallaces</p>
<p>46. Uncle Hammer gave Stacey a new car before Christmas.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> True</p> <p><input type="radio"/> False</p>	<p>47. Mama whipped Stacey in front of the class because she thought he was cheating.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> True</p> <p><input type="radio"/> False</p>
<p>48. Why weren't the Logans able to ride the bus?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> The buses were only for white children.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Their clothes were too dirty.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> It had a flat tire.</p>	<p>49. Why didn't Stacey have his new coat when Mama wanted to hem the sleeves?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> He had burned it.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> He had lost it.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> He had given it to T.J.</p>

Circle the definition that best defines the word

1. Despicable

Deserving hatred and contempt
admirable
confusing

2. Resent

to feel angry or annoyed
to be fearless
to mumble

3. resilient

a piece of material used to protect an object
able to bounce back from misfortune or change
causing doubt

4. collateral

property promised as security for a loan
to confuse someone by giving them a lot of
things to worry about
able to bounce back from misfortune or change

5. sulk

A strong liking
To pout
To interpret or make clear

6. jauntily

Lively; perky
A long open porch without a roof
Slowly; certainly

7. bewildered

to confuse someone by giving them a lot of
things to worry about
to be in a sad or gloomy mood
curious

8. placid

To hang around someone for no particular
reason
Lively; perky
Peaceful

9. aristocracy

the act of agreeing secretly to do something
that is illegal
people who are thought to be better than the
rest of the community
playing cheerfully

10. disdainful

replied with an argument for your side of the
issue
showing lack of respect or concern
depending on something that is unknown or
uncertain chance

11. conspiracy

a long coat that hangs loosely
the act of agreeing secretly to do something
that is illegal
showing lack of respect or concern

12. dubious

able to bounce back from misfortune or change
causing doubt
behaving in a rough and rowdy manner