

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

Choose the best answer:

- _____ 1. Who is the narrator of *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*?
- a. Mildred Taylor
 - b. Little Man
 - c. Cassie Logan
 - d. Harlan Granger
- _____ 2. What is the name of the white children's school?
- a. Great Faith
 - b. Wallace
 - c. Benjamin Harris
 - d. Jefferson Harris
- _____ 3. What constantly plagues the children on their way to school?
- a. The passing school bus
 - b. The harsh wind
 - c. The swift stream they must cross
 - d. Their lack of shoes
- _____ 4. What is Mr. Logan's occupation?
- a. Year-round farmer
 - b. Blacksmith
 - c. Railroad worker
 - d. Sharecropper
- _____ 5. Why does Stacey get a whipping from his mother?
- a. She thinks he went to the Wallace store.
 - b. She thinks he beat up T.J.
 - c. She thinks he sabotaged the school bus.
 - d. She thinks he cheated on the test.

- _____ 6. How do the children sabotage the school bus?
- They fill the engine with sawdust.
 - They dig out a ditch and fill it with water.
 - They steal the driver's uniform and replace it with a clown suit.
 - They cover the seats with mud.
- _____ 7. Why do the children finally break their ties with T.J.?
- He helps Mama get fired.
 - He sets their cotton on fire.
 - He hangs out with the Simms brothers.
 - He steals a gun.
- _____ 8. Why does Cassie know that Lillian Jean will not tell her father that she has beaten her up?
- Lillian Jean is too shy.
 - Lillian Jean would never hurt Cassie.
 - Cassie knows that Lillian Jean will never admit to associating with her.
 - Cassie knows all of Lillian Jean's secrets.
- _____ 9. On the first day of school, Cassie and Little John receive a whipping from Mama for
- Refusing to go to the proper class.
 - Saying bad things about the white school.
 - Getting their clothes dirty on the way to school.
 - Refusing to accept the "hand-me-down" books from the white school.
- _____ 10. Whom does Papa bring home to stay with Mama and the children/
- Mr. Berry
 - Mr. Morrison
 - Mr. Wallace
 - Mr. Granger
- _____ 11. Why do the children feel responsible for the "riding" of the white men?
- They think that one of them has accidentally revealed a secret.
 - They think the white men have heard about their refusal to accept the books.
 - They think the white men are mad about their getting new books at school.
 - None of the above

_____ 12. Who does not like L.T. at first?

- a. Little Man
- b. Cassie
- c. Christopher-John
- d. Stacey

_____ 13. Harlan Granger comes to see _____ about buying the Logan land.

- a. Big Ma
- b. Mama
- c. Mr. Logan
- d. Mr. Morrison

_____ 14. What prevents Stacey from telling Mama the truth about T.J. and the test?

- a. Fear
- b. Money
- c. Friendship
- d. Honor

_____ 15. Why does the Wallace family stop to let Uncle Hammer and the Logans cross the bridge first on the way home from church?

- a. They are generally polite people.
- b. They are trying to put aside past problems and build a friendship with the Logans.
- c. Their wagon is no match for Uncle Hammer's car.
- d. They think the car is Mr. Granger's.

_____ 16. Big Ma decided to give the Logan land to _____ in order to make sure that Harlan Granger can never take it from the family.

- a. Papa
- b. Papa and Mama
- c. Papa and Uncle Hammer
- d. Papa and Mr. Morrison

_____ 17. T.J. begins to hang out with whom?

- a. Jeremy Simms
- b. The Avery boys
- c. Melvin and R.W. Simms
- d. John Wallace

- _____ 18. Who is responsible for breaking Papa's leg?
- a. Harlan Granger
 - b. T.J.
 - c. Melvin Simms
 - d. The Wallaces
- _____ 19. Who helps Papa pay the bank and the rest of the money owed on the Logan land?
- a. Uncle Hammer
 - b. Mr. Jamison
 - c. Mr. Morrison
 - d. Big Ma
- _____ 20. What happens to Stacey's new coat?
- a. He gets it muddy.
 - b. He loses it at the Wallace store.
 - c. He tears it on one of the wild nights he spends in Strawberry.
 - d. He gives it to T.J.

True/False. Label each statement as either true or false.

- _____ 21. Cassie and her brothers do not receive service in the town of Strawberry because the clerk forgot about them.
- _____ 22. Cassie decides to forgive Lillian Jean and become her friend.
- _____ 23. Despite trouble from the Grangers and Wallaces, most of the black families continue to buy goods from Vicksburg.
- _____ 24. Melvin and R.W. Wallace try to get T.J. punished for a robbery and murder.
- _____ 25. The Logan children are glad that T.J. is finally getting what he deserves for his actions.

Matching: Answers may be used once, more than once, or not at all.

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| A. Big Ma | E. Lillian Jean |
| B. Mr. Jamison | F. Uncle Hammer |
| C. Mr. Wallace | G. Mr. Granger |
| D. Jeremy Simms | H. Melvin Simms |

- _____ 26. White boy who befriends the Logan children
- _____ 27. Lawyer who offers to provide credit for the clacks in Vicksburg
- _____ 28. Papa's brother who lives in Chicago
- _____ 29. The rich plantation owner who owns most of the land around the Logan farm
- _____ 30. Sister of Jeremy Simms; she and Cassie are usually in some kind of argument

Essay. Answer in complete sentences.

Explain how Papa saves his own family and T.J. at the end of the novel.

Statement of Completion

I have read **all** of *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*.

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