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Chapter 1

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS - *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*

1. Why was Little Man lagging behind?

2. Why was Stacey in a bad mood?

3. What made Papa need to find work?

4. What happened to the Berrys?

5. How did T.J. get out of his punishment?

6. Who is Jeremy?

7. Describe Cassie.

8. Why was the prospect of having readers/books exciting?

9. Why did Cassie and Little Man refuse to take their readers/books?

10. How did Mary Logan react to Daisy's news about the children's refusal to accept the books?

Chapter 2

1. Describe Mr. Morrison.

2. What did Mr. Morrison tell the Logans about his past?

3. How did the congregation feel about the burnings?

4. Why didn't Papa want the children to go to the Wallaces' store?

Chapter 3

1. What was the problem with the Jefferson Davis school bus?
2. Why did the Logan children dig a hole in the road?
3. How did Mama and Big Ma react to the news of the stuck bus?
4. Who were the "riders," and what were they doing?

Chapter 4

1. Why was Cassie upset?

2. Why were the night men actually out the night Cassie saw them?

3. Why had Papa hired Mr. Morrison?

4. Why did Stacey get whipped?

5. What did Mama do when she found out that the children had been at the Wallaces' store?

6. Why did Mama try to convince Mr. Turner to stop shopping at the Wallaces' store?

Chapter 5

1. Why was Cassie disappointed in Strawberry?

2. Why did Big Ma park her wagon away from the entrance?

3. Why did Cassie like Mr. Jamison?

4. What made Cassie yell at Mr. Barnett?

Chapter 6

1. Why was Cassie mad at Big Ma?

2. Identify and describe Uncle Hammer.

3. What explanation did Mama give Cassie for Mr. Simms' actions?

4. What happened to Stacey's new coat? What was Uncle Hammer's reaction?

5. How did Uncle Hammer and the Logans surprise the Wallaces?

Vocabulary Words Chapter 7-9

For the following words, match the word to the appropriate definition. On the blank line provided, find the page in the chapter where the word appears; put the page number on the line.

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|------------------------------------|--|
| _____ 1. admonished, on page _____ | A. endless; seeming to last forever |
| _____ 2. flaunt, on page _____ | B. gathered into small folds; puckered |
| _____ 3. insolently, on page _____ | C. to show off proudly |
| _____ 4. reeked, on page _____ | D. warned; reprovved mildly |
| _____ 5. collateral, on page _____ | E. calm; tranquil |
| _____ 6. goad, on page _____ | F. to refuse to buy, sell, or use |
| _____ 7. placid, on page _____ | G. having a strong smell |

_____ 8. skittish, on page _____

H. security of a pledge for the fulfillment of an obligation

_____ 9. boycott, on page _____

I. urge on; prod into action

_____ 10. banished, on page _____

J. cautious; on one's guard

_____ 11. purred, on page _____

K. disrespectfully

_____ 12. sentinel, on page _____

L. nervous; excitable; jumpy

_____ 13. jovial, on page _____

M. full of good humor

_____ 14. glade, on page _____

N. an open space in a wood or forest

_____ 15. wary, on page _____

O. a person or animal that guards a group against surprise

_____ 16. interminable, on page _____

P. sent away; exiled; dismissed

Chapter 7

1. Why were the last few days of school before Christmas difficult for Cassie?

2. Why didn't Papa want to back people's credit with his land?

3. What did Jeremy give Stacey?

4. What papers did Big Ma sign?

5. Why did Mr. Jamison want to back the people's credit?

6. What did Mr. Granger say to the Logans?

Chapter 8

1. What was Cassie doing for Lillian Jean?

2. Why did Cassie take Lillian Jean into the woods?

3. Why did Mama lose her teaching job?

4. Who sicced the school board on Mama?

5. What was T.J.'s punishment?

Chapter 9

1. What were R.W. and Melvin doing to T.J.?
2. Why were Mr. Avery and Mr. Lanier not going to shop in Vicksburg anymore?
3. Why were Mr. Morrison, Papa and Stacey late coming home?
4. Who shot Papa and tried to kill Mr. Morrison?

Vocabulary Words Chapter 10-12

Match the word to the appropriate definition. Then, find the page in the chapter where the word appears.

- _____ 1. despondently, on page _____ A. unnaturally pale
- _____ 2. phenomenal, on page _____ B. surviving traces or small remaining parts
- _____ 3. lethargically, on page _____ C. seed pods, flax, or cotton
- _____ 4. adamantly, on page _____ D. harsh or sharp to taste or smell
- _____ 5. condescending, on page _____ E. walking purposelessly
- _____ 6. en masse, on page _____ F. firm, positive statement
- _____ 7. compound, on page _____ G. a gradual increase in volume or intensity
- _____ 8. desolately, on page _____ H. lying face or front down

_____ 9. compassion, on page _____

I. spoken in a grating voice

_____ 10. flailed, on page _____

J. quality of being easily hurt

_____ 11. despicable, on page _____

K. beat; thrashed

_____ 12. rasped, on page _____

L. worthy of contempt

_____ 13. prone, on page _____

M. with feelings of despair or dejection

_____ 14. crescendo, on page _____

N. in a lonely or wretched way

_____ 15. traipsing, on page _____

O. in a lazy, indifferent way

_____ 16. acrid, on page _____

P. a group of buildings

_____ 17. bolls, on page _____

Q. outstanding; remarkable

_____ 18. remnants, on page _____

R. all together, as one body

_____19. won, on page _____

S. firmly; without giving in

_____20. vulnerability, on page _____

T. behaving in a superior way

_____21. affirmation, on page _____

U. the feeling of sharing another's suffering; a desire to give help

or mercy.

Chapter 10

1. Why didn't Papa want to borrow money from Hammer?
2. How did Mr. Morrison avoid Kaleb Wallace?
3. Why did the Logans finally have to depend on Uncle Hammer for money?
4. Where did Hammer get the money for the mortgage?
5. How had T.J. changed?

Chapter 11

1. What happened to T.J.?

2. Why did Stacey send Cassie and her brothers home?

Chapter 12

1. What stopped the mob?

2. How did the fire start?

3. What happened to T.J.?

4. Why did Cassie cry?

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VOCABULARY WORKSHEET - *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*

1. Impossible to reach or enter

- A. inaccessible B. precariously C. obvious D. apprehensive

2. Suddenly thrust

- A. plaguing B. vulnerability C. condescending D. lunged

3. Lowered in pride or dignity

- A. contagious B. interminable C. phenomenal D. humiliated

4. Unaware of; not mindful of

- A. exasperation B. loitering C. intent D. oblivious

5. Descending voluntarily to the level of an inferior person

A. condescending B. feigned C. emerged D. shunned

6. Full of hearty, playful good humor

A. inaccessible B. jovial C. indignant D. contagious

7. To grasp; arrest

A. seize B. jovial C. crescendo D. retaliated

8. A compromise

A. condoned B. concession C. feigned D. intent

9. Afflicting; troubling

A. plaguing B. obvious C. interminable D. precariously

10. Irritation or annoyance

A. indignant B. exasperation C. aloofness D. emerged

11. Ignored; kept out of association with

A. shroud B. placid C. shunned D. menacingly

12. Concentrating on a single purpose; engrossed

A. phenomenal B. intent C. contagious D. placid

13. At a distance; removed

A. indignant B. inaccessible C. undaunted D. aloofness

14. A gradual increase in loudness or intensity

A. vex B. contagious C. crescendo D. precariously

15. To trouble or bother

A. admonished B. vex C. inaccessible D. indignant

16. Tranquil; calm

A. crescendo B. undaunted C. placid D. concession

17. Able or quick to understand

A. inaccessible B. emerged C. menacingly D. apprehensive

18. Boiling over with anger

A. fuming B. retaliated C. placid D. lunged

19. To caution against or warn

A. indignant B. emerged C. admonished D. shunned

20. Without speaking

A. mingling B. placid C. seize D. mutely