

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
Study Questions

Instructions: Print this document and answer these questions in **composition paper, with pencil and don't forget, cursive writing.**

The answers to these questions must be based on the event encountered throughout the novel. Every section has a due date, the student will be responsible of handing each section to the teacher on the corresponding date and be prepared for class discussion and/or any other assessment activity.

Chapters 1, 2, and 3 (Due date: February 19, 2016)

1. List the four Logan children and their ages.
2. In what state does the family live and in what year?
3. How do Cassie and her brothers react to the news of the Berrys' being burned?
4. How do the students react to the news that they're going to have their own textbooks this year?
5. The Logan land was once part of the Granger plantation. How did the Logan family get their land? What crop do they raise?
6. Why must Papa work at another job? What is the work and where does he do it?
7. Who was Jeremy?
8. Describe Mr. Morrison. Based on what he says to Mrs. Logan.
9. Why was Mr. Morrison fired from his job? Why does Papa bring him to stay with the family?
10. What does Mr. Logan tell his kids about the Wallaces' store?
11. What does the driver of the school bus like to do to the black children who must walk to school?
12. Why does Little Man throw his school book onto the floor and stomp on it?
13. What does Mama do to the books for her seventh-grade class?
14. What was the cause of John Henry Berry's death?
15. What do Stacey, Cassie, and their brothers do in revenge for the continual school bus episodes?
16. What reaction do Mama and Big Ma have to the school bus accident?

Chapters 4, 5, 6, and 7 (Due date: March 11, 2016)

1. Describe T.J. physically and emotionally.
2. Why does T.J. go inside the Logan's house to get his cap, what do the children find him doing?
3. Why does Stacey feel some resentment towards Mr. Morrison, at first?
4. How do the Logan kids get T.J. to reveal what he knows about the "night men"? What does he say that makes them feel relieved?
5. What problem Stacey confronted with T.J.? Do you think Stacey handle the problem with T.J. correctly? Explain.
6. Why do you think Mr. Morrison decides not to tell Mrs. Logan about the kids' going to the Wallace store?
7. Why do you think Big Ma is so determined not to sell the family's land to the Grangers?
8. What is Cassie's reaction to Strawberry, and why?
9. Why does Big Ma park her wagon at the back of the field? What is Cassie's reaction to this?
10. Why is Cassie so interested in seeing Mr. Jamison?
11. Why do you think T.J. and Stacey don't react more strongly to Mr. Barnett's unfair treatment?
12. Considering what has been happening between the races in their area, why does Big Ma make Cassie apologize to Lillian Jean Simms again?
13. Why do you think the Logan children were so excited about the books they received on Christmas?
14. Who was Hammer? Why did he visit the family?
15. Why did Stacey give his coat to T.J.? How does Uncle Hammer handle this situation?
16. What is Mr. Logan's attitude toward Stacey's friendship with Jeremy, and why do you think he has this attitude?
17. Why does Harlan Granger visit the Logan family? In what ways does he threaten them?
18. Why does Mr. Jamison decided to help the black people buy their food and supplies in Vicksburg?

Chapters 8, 9, 10 (Due date: April 1, 2016)

1. How did Cassie got revenge over Lillian Jean?
2. Why do you think Lillian Jean is so shocked about Cassie's turning on her suddenly?
3. What is the real reason that Mr. Granger has Mrs. Logan fired?
4. Why is losing her job especially painful for Mrs. Logan?
5. What terrible thing do the Logan's find out T.J. has done? Why do you think he did it? How do the Logan kids react to his betrayal? What reaction does T.J. have?
6. Who are T.J.'s new friends?
7. According to Jeremy, how do R.W. and Melvin treat T.J.? Why is Stacey concerned about this treatment?
8. Why does Mr. Logan insist on taking Stacey with him to Vicksburg, and why does Mrs. Logan object?
9. Who attacked the Logans during the trip and why?
10. Why does Stacey blame himself for?
11. Why do you think Mr. Morrison decides to move Kaleb Wallace's car off the road the way he does it?
12. How do the Logans manage to pay off the loan and keep their land?
13. Why does Mr. Avery tell the Logans he can no longer shop in Vicksburg?
14. What are Christopher-John and Little Man most afraid of when Papa comes home from Vicksburg?
15. Describe T.J.'s appearance and behavior when he stops by the Revival. How do the Logans react to him? Why do you think he wanted to come by? What things does T.J. not understand that make Cassie feel sorry for him?

Chapters 11 and 12 (Due date: April 11, 2016)

1. What situation happened with T.J.? why did Stacey decided to help him?
2. Who is able to stop the Wallaces from immediately killing T.J.?
3. What does Mr. Logan mean when he says, "This thing's been coming a long time, baby, and T.J. just happened to be the one foolish enough to trigger it"?
4. What is significant about the way the people of the community put out the fire?
5. How did Mr. Logan save T.J.? What sacrifice did he make to save him?
6. At the end of the last chapter, why do you think Cassie cries for T.J. even though she never liked him?
7. What do you think will happen to T.J.? What will happen to R.W. and Melvin? Explain.

Note: The dates established for each section are subject to change due to group performance, school activities, and/or weather conditions. The teacher will announce any changes, if not continue to follow the scheduled dates.