

## Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry Chapters 4-5

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**Part 1: Put the plot events from Chapter 4 in the correct order using numbers 1-5.** (1 point each)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter 4 \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ Stacey is whipped by Mama for having a cheat sheet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mama takes the children to visit Mr. and Mrs. Berry.
- \_\_\_\_\_ T. J. tells the Logan kids that Mr. Tatum called Mr. Barnett a liar.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Morrison takes the kids home from the Wallace's store.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mama and Big Ma think Cassie and the boys are acting strange.

**Part 2: Put the plot events from Chapter 5 in the correct order using numbers 1-6.** (1 point each)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter 5 \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ The storekeeper stops filling T.J.'s order to complete the order of a customer who has arrived after the children.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cassie gets mad at Mr. Barnett.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The children eye a pearl-handled gun that T.J. hopes to own one day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Big Ma must park the wagon at the back of the field at the market in Strawberry.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cassie must apologize to Jeremy's sister for bumping into her.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Big Ma visits her attorney.

**Part 3: Read the following questions and put the letter of the correct answer on the line.** (1 point each)

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. After T. J. goes inside the Logan's house to get his cap, what do the children find him doing?

- A. stealing food
- B. hiding from Mama
- C. looking for test answers
- D. looking for his hat

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Why does Stacey feel some resentment toward Mr. Morrison, at first?

- A. he fears him because he is huge
- B. he feels as if he could take care of the family himself
- C. he thinks he is racist
- D. he knows a secret about Mr. Morrison

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Where does Mr. Morrison stay while at the Logan's farm?

- A. In the boy's room
- B. With Moe Turner
- C. in a deserted tenant shack
- D. at the local hotel

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Why does Stacey go to the Wallace's store?

- A. To get milk for Mama
- B. To chase after T.J.
- C. to dance with the other African Americans
- D. to spy on the Wallace brothers

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Mr. Morrison says he is not going to tell on the kids for going to the Wallace's store. What does he expect Stacey to do?
- A. tell Mama himself                      C. tell on T.J.  
B. clean his house                          D. stay away from Jeremy Simms
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The night men whom Cassie watches pass the Logan house in their cars are after
- A. Beacon Berry for flirting with a white woman  
B. Sam Tatum for calling Mr. Barnett a liar  
C. Cassie and Stacey for breaking the bus  
D. TJ for stealing a gun
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. At Barnett's Mercantile in Strawberry, what does TJ admire?
- A. a Packard  
B. a pearl-handled pistol  
C. a pearl necklace  
D. a shotgun
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. What leads Mr. Barnett to throw Cassie out of his store?
- A. She reminds him to wait on TJ  
B. She accuses him of lying  
C. He only serves whites in his store  
D. He accuses her of stealing
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. What does Lillian Jean do when Cassie bumps into her?
- A. Tells her to get off the sidewalk and pushes her  
B. Falls off the sidewalk and demands an apology  
C. Fakes tears and calls for her father  
D. Threatens to get the night men after her
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Read the following passage from the novel. *Then T.J. said: "say, y'all hear the latest 'bout them night men?" Suddenly, all eyes turned from the fire and riveted themselves upon him. **Our faces were eager question marks**; we were totally in T.J.'s power.*
- What literary device is Mildred Taylor using in the underlined sentence?
- A. personification                      B. simile                      C. alliteration                      D. metaphor
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Read the following passage from the novel. A **cold wind rose, biting through my jacket**, and I shivered. *Big Ma looked down at me for the first time.*
- What literary device is being used in the underlined sentence?
- A. personification                      B. simile                      C. alliteration                      D. metaphor
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Read the following passage from the novel. *All of them, too quiet. Here it is Saturday morning and **they're quiet as church mice**. I don't like it, and i can't shake the feeling it's got something to do with---Cassie!*
- What literary device is being used in the underlined sentence?
- A. personification                      B. simile                      C. alliteration                      D. metaphor

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**Part 4: Read each question. Write the letter of the correct answer on the line provided.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. Read the sentence from the novel. *“You see fellows, there’s a system of getting out of work,” T.J. was **expounding** as I sat down. “Jus’ don’t be ‘round when it’s got to be done. Only thing is you can’t let your folks know that’s what you’re doin’.”*

What does “**expounding**” mean as it is used in the sentence?

- A. explaining      B. threatening      C. lying      D. crying

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Read the sentence from the novel. *“Although she (Mama) scolded us severely, she did not whip us. We were sent to bed early but we didn’t consider that a punishment, and we doubted that Mama did either. How we had managed to escape a whipping we couldn’t **fathom** until Saturday when Mama woke us before dawn and piled us into the wagon.*

Which word is a **synonym** for the word “**fathom**”?

- A. misunderstood      B. mistaken      C. comprehend      D. work

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. Read the sentence from the novel. *(Mama) also spoke of finding another store to patronize, one where the **proprietors** were more concerned about the welfare of the community. But she did not speak directly of what the Wallaces had done to the Berrys . . .*

What is the meaning of the word “**proprietors**”?

- A. murderers      B. community members      C. owners      D. lawyers

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. Read the sentence from then novel. *I watched (Stacey) go, but did not follow. Instead I **ambled** along the sidewalk trying to understand why Mr. Barnett had acted the way he had. More than once I stopped and gazed over my shoulder at the Mercantile.*

Which word is an **antonym** for the word “**ambled**”?

- A. sprinted      B. strolled      C. walked slowly      D. sat down

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. Read the sentence from the novel. *...Christopher-John nudged Little Man, and the three of us forced ourselves to stare into the fire in feigned **disinterest**.*

Knowing the prefix “dis-” helps the reader understand that the word “**disinterest**” means to

- A. concerned often      B. concerned again      C. not concerned      D. wrongly concerned

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Read the sentence from the novel. *We rode for almost two hours before turning onto a backwoods trail. We **jarred** and bounced over the rough road until we entered a clearing where a small weather grayed house stood.*

Which sentence uses the word **jarred** in the same way as it is used in the sentence?

- A. The sound of the alarm jarred.  
B. The burglary violently jarred their sense of security.  
C. The window jarred in the frame.  
D. Noah jarred over the rough mountain terrain until he came to a stop.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 21. Read the sentence from the novel. *Although she scolded us, she did not **whip** us.*  
Which sentence uses the word **whip** in the same way as it is used in the sentence?

- A. Criminals used to be whipped for minor offenses.
- B. He impatiently whipped his body around to face his mom.
- C. She whipped into the store for some milk.
- D. He whipped off three new songs last night.