

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry Chapters 10-12

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**Part 1 Cause and Effect:** Read each effect. Then write the letter of the correct cause on the line provided.

**Effects**

**Causes**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Mr. Morrison sits on the porch through the night

- A. because he is too nervous to sleep.
- B. because he fears the “night men.”
- C. because he is planning an attack.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. T.J. arrives at the Logans

- A. because he needs help walking home.
- B. because he wants to spend the night there.
- C. because Stacey tells him to stop by.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. The Barnetts are awakened

- A. by the thunder
- B. by their barking dog.
- C. by the noisy burglars.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. The Simmses arrive at the Mercantile

- A. to rob it.
- B. to purchase a gun.
- C. to ask for directions.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Mrs. Barnett thinks all the intruders are black

- A. because she believes they killed her husband.
- B. because of the stockings over their heads.
- C. because of poor eyesight.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. R.W. and Melvin are anxious to hurt T.J.

- A. because a dead T.J. will not involve them.
- B. because he deserves it.
- C. because they hate blacks.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Mr. Jamison attempts to protect T.J.

- A. because likes the boy.
- B. because he believes in law and order.
- C. because he is white.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. The white men decide to kill three blacks

- A. because of mob hysteria.
- B. because it is appropriate.
- C. because the black men have already been convicted.

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**Part 2 Comprehension Questions:** Write the letter of the correct answer on the line provided.

\_\_\_\_ 9. What was the **cause** of the Logan family having to sell a couple of cows and their calves?

- A. T.J. needed money for the pearl handled pistol.
- B. Uncle Hammer needed money to buy back his car.
- C. Harlan Granger had the bank call up the note on the Logan's Land.
- D. The Logans needed money after the fire burned their crops.

\_\_\_\_ 10. Who is feeling guilty for what happened to Papa's leg?

- A. T.J.
- B. mama
- C. Kaleb Wallace
- D. Stacey

\_\_\_\_ 11. Why didn't Kaleb Wallace harm Mr. Morrison after he lifted Kaleb's truck off the road?

- A. He was hurt from the last time he ran into Mr. Morrison and papa.
- B. He knew the kids were in the wagon with Mr. Morrison.
- C. Harlan Granger would not approve of his actions.
- D. He can't do anything without other folks backing him up plus a loaded gun.

\_\_\_\_ 12. Who almost felt sorry for T.J. when he brought R.W. and Melvin to the revival?

- A. Cassie
- B. Stacey
- C. Little Willie
- D. Mr. Morrison

\_\_\_\_ 13. What did R.W. and Melvin do to try to hide their involvement in the robbery at Barnett's Mercantile?

- A. They put stockings over their faces.
- B. They went to the pool hall after the robbery.
- C. They put gloves over their hands.
- D. all of the above

\_\_\_\_ 14. Who was able to stop the night riders from immediately killing T.J.?

- A. Hank (the sheriff)
- B. Mr. Jamison
- C. Mr. Avery
- D. Mr. Granger

\_\_\_\_ 15. How did the cotton really catch on fire?

- A. The lightning struck a fence post and started the fire.
- B. Mr. Granger started the fire in order to get revenge on the Logans.
- C. No one knows how the fire was started.
- D. Papa set the fire to get Mr. Granger to stop the lynching.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. How did Jeremy first learn of the fire?
- A. He was sleeping in a tree when he smelled smoke and saw the fire.
  - B. His brothers told him when they returned from town.
  - C. His father woke him up so they could go fight the fire.
  - D. Mr. Granger called all of the towns people to help put out the fire.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. What was Mr. Granger's motive for stopping the lynching?
- A. He wanted to save his own land from being burned.
  - B. He did not want to see T.J. killed.
  - C. He knew R.W. and Melvin robbed the store.
  - D. He wants to save the Logan Land.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. What event in the novel demonstrates that African Americans and white people are capable of working and living together?
- A. The boycott of the store.
  - B. T.J. bringing R.W. and Melvin to the revival.
  - C. All of the towns people helping to fight the fire.
  - D. Papa paying off the mortgage.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. If you wanted a happy ending for T.J., which of the following events would be the most important **to eliminate** from the story?
- A. Mama getting fired.
  - B. The cotton field burning.
  - C. Mr. Jamison and Hank taking T.J. to jail.
  - D. Mr. Barnett dying from the blow to the head.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Which of the following characters would most likely be in favor of equal rights for all Americans?
- A. Jeremy Simms
  - B. Mr. Granger
  - C. Hank (the sheriff)
  - D. Kaleb Wallace
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Read the sentences from the novel. "*The heat swooped low over the lang clinging like an invisible shroud, and through it people moved slowly, lethargically, as if underwater.*"
- What literary device is being used in the underlined part of this sentence?
- A. simile                      B. metaphor                      C. alliteration                      D. irony
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Read the sentences from the novel. "Afterward both Mama and Big Ma changed their clothes, then we sat, very quiet, as the *heat crept sticky and wet through our clothing and the thunder banged menacingly overhead.*"
- What literary device is being used in the underlined part of this sentence?
- A. simile                      B. metaphor                      C. irony                      D. personification

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\_\_\_\_ 23. There we gazed transfixed as the **flames gobbled the cotton and crept dangerously near the forest edge.**

What literary device is being used in the underlined part of the sentence?

- A. simile      B. metaphor      C. alliteration      D. personification

**Part 3 Context Clues:** Write the letter of the correct answer on the line provided.

\_\_\_\_ 24. Read the sentences from the novel. “*Stacey sat across from Papa looking **despondently** at the broken leg. ‘Go on, son,’ said Papa gently. ‘There is nothing to do here. Give you a chance to talk to Little Willie.’*”

Which word is a synonym for the word **despondently**?

- A. happily      B. hopelessly      C. hopefully      D. encouragingly

\_\_\_\_ 25. Read the sentences from the novel. “‘*Do quick, Cassie, like I say.*’ His voice was barely above a friendly whisper, but there was an **urgency** in it and I obeyed, scrambling over the seat to join the boys.”

What does **urgency** mean as it is used in the sentence?

- A. speedy action      B. independence      C. calm      D. peace

\_\_\_\_ 26. Read the sentences from the novel. “*The heat swooped low over the lang clinging like an invisible shroud, and through it people moved slowly, **lethargically**, as if underwater.*”

Which word is an antonym for the word **lethargically**?

- A. energetic      B. dopey      C. blah      D. sluggish

\_\_\_\_ 27. Read the sentence from the passage. “*The heat swooped low over the lang clinging like an invisible **shroud**, and through it people moved slowly, lethargically, as if underwater.*”

Which sentence uses the word **shroud** the same way it is used in the sentence from the passage?

- A. They **shrouded** their past lives in an effort to forget.  
B. A state with a new rusty iron curtain would be become a burial **shroud** for Russia.  
C. It may be helpful to remove the radiator **shroud** on order to have room to remove the fan from the engine bay.  
D. A **shroud** of mist and fog engulfed the passengers as they got on the boat.

\_\_\_\_ 28. Read the sentences from the novel. “*Afterward both Mama and Big Ma changed their clothes, then we sat, very quiet, as the heat crept sticky and wet through our clothing and the thunder banged **menacingly** overhead.*”

Which sentence uses the word **menacingly** the same way it is used in the sentence from the passage?

- A. When he gets behind the wheel of a car, he’s a real **menace**.  
B. Before the big game, the opposing team captains glared at each other **menacingly**.  
C. Dark black storm clouds appeared **menacingly** over the beach.  
D. *Denise the **Menace*** was a great movie.



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