

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 become a burial **shroud** for Russia.
C. It may be helpful to remove the radiator **shroud** in 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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Part Extended Response: Below are two possible themes of Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry.
29. Choose *one* theme. Use two examples from the story to prove why the one you chose is a theme statement for the novel.

Land gives people independence

Nothing is more important than family

[illegible]

Response answers the question _____/1

Topic sentence includes words from the prompt and the gist _____/1

Two specific details from story to support your answer _____/2

Concluding Sentence _____/1

Spelling _____/1

Capitalization/ Punctuation _____/2

Grammar _____/2

Total Score /10

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