

Mississippi Trial 1955

Study Guide

Chapter 1

1. Why does Hiram hate his dad?
2. When & where did Hiram start bumping heads with his dad?
3. Who raised Hiram?
4. Who owned the little store where Hiram would buy stuff with his 5 cent?
5. Why is grandpa mad at the end of the chapter? Who does he yell at and why?

Chapter 2

1. Grandpa is reading the newspaper and he gets mad. What is he mad about?
2. Who is RC Rydell? What kind of person is he?
3. Who is Ralph Remington? Explain him.
4. Who is Ronnie Remington? Explain him.
5. Who is Naomi? Explain her relationship with Hiram.
6. According to RC who might be queer?
7. What did RC do while fishing with Hiram that scared him?

Chapter 3

1. Who died and how does affect the main characters?
2. Where does Naomi go at night to be by herself? Why does she go there?
3. What does Hiram want to do after the funeral? (Hint: he's talking to his dad)
4. Why is his dad against this?
5. What is it that Hiram does not understand? (according to his dad)

Chapter 4

1. Where is Hiram dad moving his family to?
2. What job will Hiram dad have waiting for him?
3. Why is Hiram mad in this chapter? Explain.
4. How old is Hiram when he goes back to visit his grandpa?
5. Why does his dad let him go back to visit his grandpa?
6. What did his father warn him about?

Chapter 5

1. What was the big difference between Greenwood and Tempe?
2. Who does Hiram meet at the train station when he arrived at Greenwood?
3. What was grandpa condition like when Hiram met him after being gone for seven years?

Chapter 6

1. Explain Hiram discussion with Ralph Remington. What was different about it?
2. Hiram goes fishing by himself because his grandpa is too tired, what does he do on this fishing trip. Who does he meet and how does he meet him?
3. Grandpa tells Hiram the South needs to keep their school right. What does he mean by this? Hiram ask Grandpa what's wrong with the schools, what does Grandpa tell Hiram about the schools?
4. What is the White Citizen's Council? Explain its goal?

Chapter 7

1. According to Grandpa what made the South great?
2. When did the problems between grandpa and his son start to appear?
3. Who is Eddie Crisler? Explain his relationship with grandpa.
4. Explain Hiram & Mr.Paul discussion about what's going on in Greenwood.
5. What are Jim Crow laws?

Chapter 8

1. Why did RC quit school? Where did his dad get him a job?
2. What nickname does RC have for Hiram?
3. What does RC want to do with Hiram? (It would be like old times)
4. Whom does Hiram ask RC about?
5. At first why won't RC eat part of Hiram lunch?
6. What kind of pranks does RC play on the Ralph Remington? Describe them.
7. Who does Hiram "run into" when he's fishing with RC?
8. What happen between RC and Hiram friend that he met fishing. Explain what took place and what affect it had on Hiram.

Chapter 9

1. What bothers Hiram the most about what took place between RC and Hiram friend when they were fishing?
2. What did grandpa say about the incident between RC and Hiram's friend?
3. What is Hiram learning about his dad in this chapter?
4. Where is grandpa doing real late at night? What meeting is he attending?
- 5.Hiram tells RC that if the sheriff does come by and talk to him he was not going to _____?
6. RC tells Hiram about some trouble in Money, what kind of trouble was it.
7. Explain the situation in Money, Mississippi.

8. Who does Hiram call to warn them about RC?
10. What kind of trouble was there at Miz Bryant? Explain.

Chapter 10

1. Who was Hiram worried about when he woke up Saturday morning? Whom did Hiram worried about all day Saturday?
2. What did Hiram dad (Harlan) like to do that Hiram didn't know about and caught him by surprise?
3. Why did Ruthanne Parker write a letter saying she would miss work one day?
4. Grandpa gave Hiram the newspaper to read the headlines, what were they about?
5. Who does Hiram think the third man is and Why?

Chapter 11

1. Hiram talks to his mom on the phone, what does she tell Hiram to remember?
2. What allegedly did Emmett Till do that caused the three white men to take him out of his Uncle's house?
3. Why is grandpa mad about the news coverage of Emma Till's death? What problem does he have with it?
4. On September 2, 1955 there was an editorial in the newspaper, what did it say? Explain it. Whose side did it take and why?

Chapter 12

1. For the first time in Hiram's life what was he worried about?
2. Hiram answered the knock on the door, what did the sheriff give him?
3. According to grandpa why did the color boy get in trouble? What the color boy (Emmett Till) not know?
4. Grandpa explains to Hiram that he shouldn't go to court and testify, why?
5. What does Ruthanne tell Hiram about the trial?
6. Hiram is talking with Naomi at the bridge, what are talking about?

Chapter 13

1. What does Mr. Paul tell Hiram he should do about the trial?
2. What should Hiram remember that his mom told him?
3. Why does Hiram decide to go to the trial?