

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

Chapters 7–9

by Mildred D. Taylor

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Practice words: admonished, aristocracy, boycott, collateral, condoned, denote, flaunting, immobilized, insolently, placid

PRE-READING ACTIVITY

Vocabulary Preview 2

Answer Key — Preview 3

Caution: share only if self-checking

OPTIONAL POST-READING QUIZ

Vocabulary in Context 4

Answer Key — In Context 5

Caution: do not share with students

About the Pre-Reading Activity (open-dictionary; ungraded or completion grade):

Students preview 10 words from the upcoming reading, each in a sentence that supports understanding. They choose the best meaning from 3 choices.

About the Optional Post-Reading Quiz (use after reading, or skip):

Same words, now in real excerpts from the text, with questions that build reading and analytical skills.

Vocabulary Sections for this Book:

Section 1 · Chapters 1–3 · The Logan children's first day of school

Section 2 · Chapters 4–6 · Hard rains on the road to school

Section 3 · Chapters 7–9 · Christmas on the Logan farm

Section 4 · Chapters 10–12 · Growing danger for the Logan family

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

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| <p>1. The coach admonished the team for showing up late to practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. teased lightlyB. questioned closelyC. scolded firmly | <p>6. A simple nod can denote agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. bring an end toB. lead to or causeC. stand as a sign of |
| <p>2. The grand ballroom was filled with members of the aristocracy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. the noble upper classB. the elected governmentC. the armed forces | <p>7. She kept flaunting her new phone in front of everyone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. worrying overB. fiddling withC. showing off |
| <p>3. Shoppers started a boycott against the store after the scandal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. a noisy marchB. a refusal to buy thereC. a written complaint | <p>8. A heavy cast immobilized her broken arm for six weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. held firmly in placeB. kept gently warmC. helped slowly heal |
| <p>4. He offered his truck as collateral when he asked the bank for a loan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. security pledged for a loanB. a gift offered in thanksC. a full and final payment | <p>9. He shrugged and answered the questions insolently.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. in a rude, defiant wayB. in a loud, excited wayC. in a quick, careless way |
| <p>5. The teacher never condoned cheating, no matter the excuse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. fully understoodB. accepted or allowedC. openly discussed | <p>10. A placid smile crossed her face as she listened.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. quick and nervousB. calm and untroubledC. wide and excited |

Reading Helpers

(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)

sentinels — guards posted to keep watch; here, the trees pictured as standing guard

ANSWER KEY
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#	KEY
1	C
2	A
3	B
4	A
5	B
6	C
7	C
8	A
9	A
10	B

Vocabulary in Context
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____ Score _____ / 10

Read each excerpt carefully. Then choose the best answer to each question.

1 *"In quiet anger she glared at Stacey and admonished, "In this house we do not give away what loved ones give to us."*

As it is used in the passage, the word "admonished" most nearly suggests that Mama...

- A. firmly scolded him
- B. coldly ignored him
- C. screamed wildly at him

2 *"Then too there was T.J., who, although not really my problem, was so obnoxiously flaunting Stacey's wool coat during these cold days that I had just about decided to deflate him at the same time I took care of Lillian Jean."*

It can reasonably be inferred that T.J. wore the coat mainly in order to...

- A. keep himself warm
- B. show it off to others
- C. take good care of it

3 *"I didn't say we should back it," Mama said, "but we're just about the only family with any collateral at all."*

According to the passage, what lets the Logans back the credit when other families cannot?

- A. goods from the store
- B. cash they had saved
- C. land they could pledge

4 *"... his voice a soft mixture of Southern aristocracy and Northern schooling."*

In context, the word "aristocracy" emphasizes Mr. Jamison's...

- A. refined, upper-class roots
- B. poor, country roots
- C. cold, distant manner

5 *"He was a long, thin man in his mid-fifties with a perfect lawyer face, so placid that it was difficult to guess what thoughts lay behind it."*

Which statement about Mr. Jamison is best supported by the passage?

- A. His face hid his feelings.
- B. He looked deeply afraid.
- C. He was quick to anger.

6 *"But even more important than all that, you're pointing a finger right at the Wallaces with this boycott business."*

According to the passage, the "boycott" refers to the families'...

- A. lawsuit over the murder
- B. complaint to the sheriff
- C. refusal to shop at the store

7 *"... punishment of a white man for a wrong done to a black man would denote equality."*

It can reasonably be inferred that Mr. Granger opposes the punishment because it would...

- A. stand as a sign of equality
- B. cost him a lot of money
- C. anger the other families

8 *"Mr. Granger looked up sharply, but Uncle Hammer eyed him insolently, a smile still on his lips."*

The passage most strongly suggests that Uncle Hammer...

- A. felt afraid of Granger
- B. showed open disrespect
- C. hoped to please Granger

9 *"I don't think your Paul Edward would've condoned something like this and risked losing this place."*

Mr. Granger says Paul Edward would not have "condoned" this. He means Paul Edward would have...

- A. quietly allowed it
- B. taken pride in it
- C. objected to it

10 *"Papa's left leg stuck straight out, immobilized by his shotgun strapped to it with a rope."*

Which statement about Papa's leg is best supported by the passage?

- A. It was badly burned.
- B. It was held in place.
- C. It was freshly bandaged.

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#	KEY	NOTE
1	A	
2	B	
3	C	Event comprehension. The land is the family's only collateral; the section stresses they have no cash to offer.
4	A	
5	A	
6	C	
7	A	
8	B	
9	C	Character comprehension. 'Quietly allowed it' restates what 'condoned' means and is the intended trap; the excerpt negates it, so Paul Edward would have objected.
10	B	

Teacher Context: Chapters 7–9

Christmas brings Papa home and long evenings of family stories that reveal the history of the Logan land. Cassie carries out her own plan against Lillian Jean, Mama loses her teaching job over how she teaches slavery, and T.J. drifts toward the white boys who flatter him. Section ends after Chapter 9 to keep the consequences of T.J.'s choices as the opening of the final section rather than a closing reveal here.