

Sixth Grade Summer Reading Assignment

1. Purchase a copy of the book Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor. Amazon and even Goodwill stores are good places to try. You will need to have your own copy rather than checking it out of the library.
2. Read the book. I would suggest that you read it through once without stopping to answer questions so you understand the flow of the story and don't miss any of the drama.
3. Print the pages of the assignment.
4. Complete the character list with a short description of the person and how they relate to the Logan family. See the example.
5. All comprehension and short essay questions should be answered with complete sentences. They may be handwritten or typed.
6. All work is due the first day of school.
7. Enjoy this great book and be ready to discuss the story during the first 2 weeks of school. There will be a test at the end of the second week of school.

Character List

1. Give a short description of each character and his/her connection to the Logan family.

Cassie Logan- a 10 yr old girl that lives in Mississippi during the time of the Depression. She is feisty, strong-willed and the only girl in the Logan family.

Stacey Logan-

Christopher John Logan-

Clayton Chester "Little Man" Logan-

David "Papa" Logan-

Mary "Mama" Logan-

Caroline "Big Ma" Logan-

Hammer Logan-

TJ Avery-

Mr. Morrison-

Jeremy Simms-

Lillian Jean Simms-

RW and Melvin Simms-

Kaleb, Thurston and Dewberry Wallace-

Mr. Wade Jamison-

Mr. and Mrs. Barnett-

Harlan Granger-

John Henry, Beacon, and Samuel Berry-

The nightmen-

Comprehension Questions

Answer all questions with complete sentences.

1. What is the financial situation of the Logan family? How do they make money?
2. Why does the bus driver not try too hard to avoid the Logan children on the road?
3. Why does Mrs. Logan put brown paper on the inside cover of the school books?
4. How might you feel if you received a book in such poor condition?

5. Who comes with Papa in chapter 2? What caused him to be fired?

6. How do the Logan children get back at the bus driver?

7. How does TJ misuse his friendship with Stacey?

8. Where does Stacey go even though he has been told not to?

9. Why does Mama take the children to the Berry's home? What do they see there?

10. What does Mr. Morrison do in Chapter 4 that shows the children that they can trust him?

11. Explain what happens between Cassie and Lillian Jean in Strawberry.

12. How is it that the Logan's own land and are African American when all the other land owners are white?

13. Why do you think that Big Ma didn't argue with Mr. Simms? How does that make Cassie feel about her?

14. Who shows up to the Logan's in a car just like Harlan Granger's? Why is Big Ma a little nervous to see him?

15. How is TJ Avery able to talk Stacey out of his Christmas gift? What does that tell you about Stacey?

16. Mrs. Logan has convinced a number of people to boycott the Wallace store. What is a boycott and why do they work?

17. How does Cassie get back at Lillian Jean?

18. How do Mr. Granger and the others on the school board make life harder for the Logan family?

19. Who does TJ begin to spend a lot of time with? Why does he act like he is better than Stacey now?

20. Explain what happens as Papa, Mr. Morrison, and Stacey are returning from Vicksburg?

21. When the bank “calls the note” on the Logan’s land that means they want all the money paid immediately. Who gets the money for the land and how does he get it?

22. Why do the children look forward to the annual church revival?

23. How does TJ get injured? Why does he come to Stacey for help?

24. What distracts the people from their attempts to harm TJ right then?

25. What does Cassie later find out about the real cause of the evening’s excitement?

We will be discussing 3 themes connected to this story. Write down 5 instances or details from the book that supports each theme. I have done a couple for you.

Theme 1: Racism is wrong and is harmful.

1. People of color had less opportunity for education and good jobs.
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Theme 2: Land is security.

1. Owning land gives you more options.
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Theme 3: Family is everything.

1. Mr. and Mrs. Logan do not discuss everything with their children.
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