

## Where the Red Fern Grows: Chapters 1 - 2

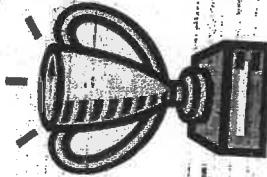
1. How did the man break up the dog fight?
- He yelled and scolded the dogs.
  - He started swinging his coat.
  - He threw rocks into the middle of the fight.
  - He shook a stick at the dogs.

2. Why did the man feel the need to take care of the hurt dog?

- Seeing the dog brought back memories of a dog the man had as a young boy.
- The man worked for the city, and it was his duty to care for the dog.
- The man had a kind heart and hated to see any animal bested by others.

3. What did the man have on his mantle?

- an old clock
- green candles
- a trophy
- two cups



4. Who is telling this story?

- Billy
- Grandpa
- Papa
- a coon dog

5. What is the setting of this book?

- The story takes place in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado.
- The story takes place in the Catskills on the Delaware River in New York.
- The story takes place in the Blue Ridge Mountains in western North Carolina.
- The story takes place in the Ozark Mountains on the Illinois River in northeastern Oklahoma.

6. Why could Billy NOT have a dog?

- The type of dog Billy wanted costs a lot of money.
- Billy's parents did not want a dog.
- Billy's sister had an allergy to dogs.
- Billy's family could not afford to feed a dog.

7. Papa bought Billy \_\_\_\_\_ to help him get over the hurt of not getting the hound dogs he wanted.

- candy
- traps
- a bike
- a cat

8. What was the first animal Billy caught in his traps?

- a rat
- a raccoon
- a squirrel
- a cat
- a skunk

9. What animal could Billy NOT catch?

- a raccoon
- a rabbit
- an opossum
- a skunk

10. Which question does this part of the story answer?

- How did Billy get the two cups?
- What were the names of Billy's sisters?
- Will Billy be satisfied with the traps?
- Who owned the hound that Billy heard howling each night as he went to bed?

This passage from Chapter 2 of the book Where the Red Fern Grows describes the hound dog named Little Red Hounds. He is described as a large, powerful dog with a thick coat and a bushy tail. He is mentioned as being a great hunting dog and a valuable asset to the family.

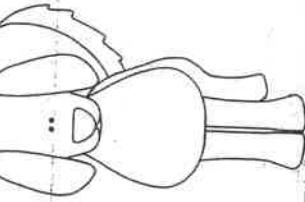
11. Although the hound had no way of knowing it, he had stirred memories and what priceless treasures they were. Memories of my boyhood days, an old K. C. Baking Powder can, and two little red hounds.

- Billy will save enough money to buy the coon-hounds he longs to own.
- The man Billy will keep the hound that he rescues from the dog fight.
- Billy finds treasures that makes him rich enough to buy some coon dogs.
- Billy will help his mother bake biscuits with some baking powder.

12. What is the main conflict in Chapter 2?

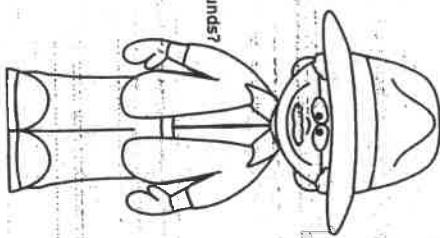
- Billy has to work too hard on the farm to have time to do the things he wants to do.
- Billy is having trouble catching the rats in the barn.
- Billy is always catching the cat in his trap.
- Billy wants coon dogs, but his family is too poor to buy them for him.

13.



## Where the Red Fern Grows Chapter 3

1. Which event changed Billy's life?  
 a) finding a knife stuck in the bark of a sycamore tree  
 b) going camping with his grandpa  
 c) finding a sportsman's magazine  
 d) going fishing at Shannon Ford
  
2. Billy could earn money doing all of the following EXCEPT:  
 a) selling stuff to the fishermen such as crawfish minnows, and fresh vegetables.  
 b) collecting empty soda bottles for their deposit  
 c) picking berries to sell in his grandpa's store  
 d) trapping furs in the winter
  
3. The two dogs would cost \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) \$100.00  
 b) \$425.00  
 c) \$50.00  
 d) \$75.00
  
4. How long did it take Billy to earn enough money to buy the two hounds?  
 a) 6 months  
 b) 1 year  
 c) 2 years  
 d) 3 years
  
5. What was Grandpa's reaction to Billy saving all the money?  
 a) amazed and teary eyed  
 b) angry saying it was a fool thing to do  
 c) sad knowing the dogs would cost more after two years  
 d) Pa wanted to buy a new house in town and would use the money to go towards the house fund.
  
6. Why did Grandpa tell Billy not to tell his father about the dogs?  
 a) Pa would give the money to Ma for house goods.  
 b) Pa would make Billy save the money for something more useful.  
 c) Pa would spend the money on a mule.  
 d) Pa wanted to buy a new house in town and would use the money to go towards the house fund.
  
7. As a way of celebrating Grandpa gave Billy \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) a soda pop  
 b) some candy  
 c) a toy yo-yo  
 d) a knife



8. After eating a few pieces of candy Billy:  
 a) told his mom to keep the rest safe for him  
 b) hid the rest of the bag of candy in the K. C. Baking Powder can  
 c) put the rest of the candy in his pillow case  
 d) gave the rest of the candy to his sisters
  
9. A good title for Chapter 3 would be:  
 a) The Candy  
 b) A Trip to Grandpa's Store  
 c) Time to Buy the Pups  
 d) Grandpa's Unusual Day

10. Which sequence best describes the order of events in Chapter 3?  
 1) Once he had saved \$50.00 Billy took the money to his grandpa.  
 2) Billy works collecting berries, trapping furs, and selling vegetables to fishermen to earn money.  
 3) Grandpa became teary eyed.  
 4) Billy places the money he earns in an old K. C. Baking Powder can.  
 5) Billy celebrated by eating candy.  
 a) 1, 4, 5, 3, 2  
 b) 2, 4, 1, 3, 5  
 c) 3, 4, 2, 5, 4  
 d) 4, 1, 2, 3, 5

11. Which statement from Chapter 3 is an opinion?  
 a) Grandpa stared at me over his glasses, and then back at the money.  
 b) Taking his eyes from me, he glanced back at the money.  
 c) It was too much for my grandfather.  
 d) He turned and walked away.
  
12. Which statement is true about Chapter 3?  
 a) Billy loves his grandpa more than his ma and pa.  
 b) Billy wanted to share his happiness with his sisters.  
 c) Billy had a difficult time keeping a secret.  
 d) Billy likes cats better than dogs.



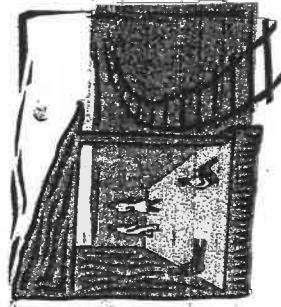
## Where the Red Fern Grows Chapters 4-5

1. What news did Billy get when he visited his grandpa's store on Monday?

- a) The mail buggy would deliver the pups all the way to his grandpa's store for \$10.00.
- b) His grandpa had ordered the two pups.
- c) The price of the dogs had gone up in the past two years by \$10.00.
- d) The person selling the pups had moved and could no longer be reached.

2. Ma was concerned about Billy because,

- a) he had a fever and a runny nose
- b) his schoolwork was going down
- c) he acted lost, and was losing weight
- d) he slept all the time.



3. How far did Billy have to walk to reach Tahlequah?

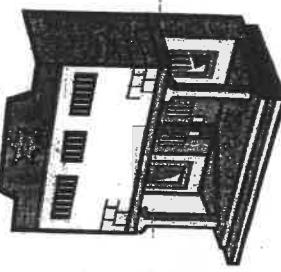
- a) 20 miles
- b) 32 miles
- c) 15 miles
- d) 7 miles

4. \_\_\_\_\_ guided Billy to the town of Tahlequah.

- a) The Frisco Railroad, and the Illinois River
- b) The Dripping Springs Road
- c) The old buffalo trail
- d) The hiking trail through the national forest

5. Billy bought a pair of overalls for Papa, cloth for Maria, and \_\_\_\_\_ for his sisters.

- a) a small gold bell
- b) hair ribbons
- c) a rag doll
- d) a sack of candy



6. Billy stopped at the school yard to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) swing
- b) slide down the pipe
- c) ride the teeter-totter
- d) play with the children

7. How did Billy get the pups home?

- a) He carried them in the shipping crate.
- b) He carried them in the gunny sack.
- c) The pups followed Billy.

8. How did the townspeople treat Billy?

- a) They laughed at him.
- b) They were amazed by him owning such fine hound dogs.
- c) They were frightened of him because of his dirty appearance.
- d) They thought he would hurt them.

9. Billy took the teasing from the 'gang until \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) one called him dog boy
- b) one stomped his right foot
- c) they started clapping their hands and chanting
- d) one pulled his dog's ear

10. Why did the fight stop?

- a) The lady who was weeding her flowers began swinging her hoe.
- b) The marshal broke up the fight.
- c) Billy passed out.
- d) One of the boys ran away after his nose started bleeding.

11. The marshal gave Billy \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) a strawberry pop
- b) a bag of jawbreakers
- c) an old silver badge
- d) some popcorn

12. Billy spent the night \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) on the sandy banks of the river
- b) under a large oak tree
- c) in a cave
- d) at home

13. \_\_\_\_\_ awakened Billy during the night.

- a) A hooting owl
- b) The scream of a mountain lion
- c) A black bear's growl
- d) The smell of a skunk

14. \_\_\_\_\_ kept the animals away from the cave.

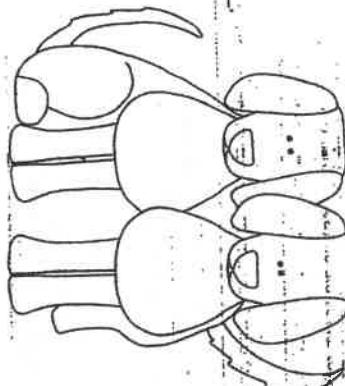
- a) A fire
- b) Billy's harmonica
- c) The barks of the pups
- d) Billy's yell

15. The main idea of this reading selection is:

- a) Billy's scary night in the woods between his house and Tahlequah
- b) Billy's confrontation with the gang of bullies in Tahlequah
- c) Billy's trip to Tahlequah to get his pups
- d) Billy saves his money to buy two coon hounds

## Where the Red Fern Grows Chapter 6

1. How did Billy decide on names for the two pups?
- He saw the names carved on the sycamore tree.
  - He saw the names in a sportsman's magazine.
  - He remembered the names from a song he learned.
  - His grandpa suggested the names.
2. How did Billy's parents react to him leaving for Tahlequah without telling them?
- They were so angry they grounded Billy to his bedroom.
  - Mama and Papa were proud of Billy for making such a trip by himself.
  - Billy's parents were so worried they got the neighbors together to hunt in the woods.
  - After finding out from Billy's grandpa where Billy had gone, they were anxiously waiting for his return.
3. When Papa asked Billy how he liked town, Billy told him \_\_\_\_\_.
- he wouldn't live there if they gave it to him.
  - he wanted to move there.
  - he said it was just OK.
  - he said he loved town and wished they lived there.
4. Papa told Billy \_\_\_\_\_.
- he didn't like town either.
  - they would be moving to town one day.
  - he loved living in town when he was a boy.
5. The pipe Billy had slid down was \_\_\_\_\_.
- a garbage chute
  - a drain pipe
  - a fire escape
  - a support beam
6. Billy made \_\_\_\_\_ for his pups.
- booties
  - sleeping mats
  - feeding bowls
  - dog-collars
7. Billy felt \_\_\_\_\_.
- God had answered his prayers.
  - he was lucky not to have to travel to Tahlequah everyday.
  - his parents would never forgive him.
  - afraid to go hunting



B. A good title for Chapter 6 could be \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Gifts

b) Wise Pups

c) The Homecoming

d) A Surprise for Grandpa

9. Which question does Chapter 6 answer?

a) How did Billy rip his britches?

b) Has Papa ever walked to Tahlequah?

c) What names will Billy give his pups?

d) Will the pups turn out to be good hunting dogs?

10. Which statement from Chapter 6 is an opinion?

a) At the mention of soda pop, the blue eyes of my sisters opened wide.

b) I told them it was strawberry and it bubbled and tickled when I drank it, and it made me burp.

c) He had bought me a bottle of soda pop.

d) Strawberries are the best flavor of soda pop.

11. Which statement about Chapter 6 contains a cause-effect relationship?

- Billy named his two hounds Little Ann and Old Dan.
- Because Billy bought material, Mama will make new dresses.
- Billy told his family about his trip to town.
- Mama and Papa decided to move to town one day.

12. Based on Chapter 6 one can conclude \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Little Ann and Old Dan will grow into great hunting dogs.

b) Billy has a loving family.

c) Billy's parents will punish him if he goes off to town on his own again.

d) Billy's sisters will want their own pets now that Billy has the coon dogs.



## Where the Red Fern Grows Comprehension Questions for Chapters 1-7

1. What happened in the first "scene" of the book?

- a) family picnic
- b) pet store visit
- c) dog fight
- d) dog show

2. The man helped the dog by \_\_\_\_\_

- a) cleaning his wounds
- b) taking him to the vet
- c) bathing and feeding him
- d) stitching up the cut in his side

3. Papa gave Billy \_\_\_\_\_ in place of the coon dogs he wanted.

- a) a collie
- b) a siring shot
- c) a cat
- d) traps

4. Billy kept catching \_\_\_\_\_ in his traps.

- a) squirrels
- b) the neighbor's dogs
- c) the family cat
- d) rabbits

5. Billy's family lived \_\_\_\_\_

- a) in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains
- b) in the Southern Appalachian Mountains
- c) by the Ohio River in the Kentucky
- d) in Ontario, Canada

6. While looking through a magazine one of the fishermen left behind, Billy found an ad for \_\_\_\_\_

- a) hunting rifles
- b) a new type of trap
- c) coon hounds
- d) camping equipment

7. Billy was going to earn money to buy the coon dogs by \_\_\_\_\_

- a) selling vegetables, berries, and minnows
- b) delivering groceries
- c) collecting bottles
- d) working for his grandfather in his store

8. Billy saved his money for \_\_\_\_\_ before he had enough to buy the dogs.

- a) 4 years
- b) 1 month
- c) 2 years
- d) 6 months

9. Why do Grandpa and Billy decide NOT to tell Papa about Billy buying the pups?

- a) Papa would make Billy share his money with his sister.
- b) Papa thinks Billy is too young for coon hunting.
- c) Papa is trying to save money to buy a mule.
- d) Papa would not allow Billy to have a pet.

10. What good news did Billy learn about the pups?

- a) Billy could get the pups immediately without a wait.
- b) Billy could get two boy pups.
- c) The owner would deliver the pups to Billy's home.
- d) The price for the pups had come down.

11. Billy went to \_\_\_\_\_ to pick up his pups.

- a) the general store
- b) the railroad station
- c) the post office
- d) the schoolhouse

12. Billy was going to bring the pups home \_\_\_\_\_

- a) in a wagon
- b) in a gunny sack
- c) in a back pack
- d) inside his coat

13. Billy bought \_\_\_\_\_ for his family while he was in Tahlequah.

- a) overalls, cloth, and candy
- b) books, soda-pop, and an ax
- c) shoes
- d) games, a lantern, and books

14. Why does Billy get into a fight in town?

- a) One boy in the gang punches Billy for no reason.
- b) The boys called him a hillbilly.
- c) The leader of the gang jumps Billy.
- d) The leader-of-the-gang-pulls the ear of Billy's pup.

15. The noise of a \_\_\_\_\_ frightened Billy during the night on his way back home from town.

- a) mountain lion
- b) bear
- c) porcupine
- d) timber wolf

16. Where did Billy get the idea for naming his pups?

- a) The names were in the magazine where he first learned about the dogs.
- b) The names were carved on a tree.
- c) The names were in a song his mother sang.
- d) The names came to him in a dream.

17. Billy needed a raccoon hide \_\_\_\_\_

- a) for his Papa's birthday cap
- b) to sell for some extra money
- c) to train his pups
- d) to make a blanket for the cat

18. How was Billy going to catch the raccoon?

- a) Billy had an old bear trap that had belonged to his grandpa.
- b) The raccoon would reach his hand in the tight hole on the log to retrieve the shiny tin then could not get his hand back out.
- c) Billy placed a wooden crate with one side raised off the ground. Once the raccoon took the fish the crate would fall on the coon trapping him.
- d) Billy was going to place food on the back porch of his cabin. When the raccoon came up to eat he was going to chase it into a cage.

19. Which sequence of events best describes the order of events in Where the Red Fern Grows?

- 1) Billy takes the money to his grandpa.
  - 2) Billy gives his family presents.
  - 3) Billy begins training the pups.
  - 4) Billy finds a magazine with an ad for coon dogs.
  - 5) Billy works for two years saving his money to buy the dogs.
  - 6) Billy walks to town to get his pups.
  - 7) The pups are delivered to the train station in Tahlequah.
- a) 4, 5, 1, 7, 6, 2, 3
  - b) 1, 4, 5, 7, 6, 2, 3
  - c) 5, 7, 6, 2, 4, 3, 1
  - d) 3, 4, 5, 1, 7, 6, 2

20. What is the main conflict in this story up to this point and how is it resolved?

- a) Billy wants coon dogs, so he travels to Tahlequah where he hears they are being sold to buy one.
- b) Billy's parents will not let him have coon dogs because they need the money to buy a mule, so Grandpa buys Billy the dogs.
- c) Billy wants coon dogs, so he works to earn the money to buy them.
- d) Billy cannot have coon dogs, so his father buys him traps to use instead.

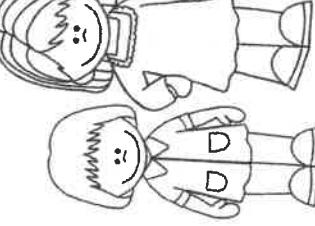
21. Read the following passage from Chapter 7.

Papa's words perked me up just like air does a deflated inner tube. He was right. I had simply left too much scent around my traps. All I had to do was wait until it disappeared and I'd have my coon hide.

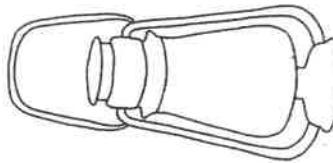
What does the author mean by this simile?

- a) Papa spoke in a breathy voice when he tried to explain to Billy about the nature of raccoons.
- b) Papa was comparing the trap Billy set to an inner tube. Both are circle shaped.
- c) Papa's words made Billy hopeful again after he had just about lost all hope of ever getting a coonskin.
- d) Papa was telling Billy that he needed to rub the inner tube around the area where he placed his trap to wipe away his human scent.

## Where the Red Fern Grows Chapter 8



1. Billy's father talked to him \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) like he was a small boy  
 b) like he was a man  
 c) about how to hunt  
 d) about how to treat his younger sisters
2. Mama felt \_\_\_\_\_ about Billy going hunting.  
 a) sorrowful  
 b) excited  
 c) worried  
 d) glad
3. What surprise did Billy get as he started to go hunting the first time?  
 a) Papa gave Billy a new lantern.  
 b) Billy's dogs were on the porch waiting as if they knew they were going hunting.  
 c) Billy's sisters made him a special card.  
 d) Mama whispered a special prayer to Billy.
4. The first trick the coon played on Little Ann and Old Dan was \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) crossing the river  
 b) climbing a fence rail  
 c) going into a cave  
 d) ducking under the log
5. When the dogs treed the coon, \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) it was turning daylight  
 b) Billy couldn't find his ax  
 c) it was in a giant sycamore tree  
 d) it was with a second coon
6. Billy had named this sycamore tree \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) "the enormous wonder"  
 b) "the big tree"  
 c) "the marvelous giant"  
 d) "God's gift"
7. Why did Billy NOT leave the coon in the big sycamore and look for another coon that would be easier to catch?  
 a) Billy knew it was too late to find another coon that night.  
 b) Billy had always wanted to cut down a large tree.  
 c) Billy had made a promise to his dogs.  
 d) Billy did not want to go home and tell his family he had not been successful.



8. Billy's sisters wanted to look in his eyes \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) to see if he was crazy  
 b) to see if he had a splinter in it  
 c) to see if he was crying
9. This chapter is mainly about \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) little sisters  
 b) tricks raccoons can play  
 c) chopping down a big sycamore tree  
 d) Billy's first coon hunt
10. Based on this story it is likely that \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) Billy will give up catching the coon in the giant sycamore tree  
 b) Billy will figure out a way to catch the coon in the giant sycamore tree  
 c) Little Ann and Old Dan will climb the giant sycamore tree and capture the coon  
 d) the giant sycamore tree will fall down on its own so that Billy can catch the coon
11. Which statement from Chapter 8 contains a cause-effect relationship?  
 a) This was what I had prayed for, worked and sweated for, my own little hounds bawling on the trail of a river coon.  
 b) The coon had pulled a simple trick. He had run out on the drift, leaped into the water, and crossed the river.  
 c) Little Ann came to me. I could see the pleading in her warm gray eyes.  
 d) I realized that on striking the river the animal had again turned and was coming straight toward me, so I jumped behind a big sycamore and was trying hard to press my body into the tree when a big coon came tearing by.
12. Which excerpt from Chapter 8 best supports the author's belief that Billy will succeed in cutting down the giant tree?  
 a) My sister got upset. She looked at me, threw back her small head, and looked up to the top of the big sycamore. "You're as crazy as a bedbug," she said.  
 b) The food did wonders for me. My strength came back. I spit on my hands and, whistling a coon hunter's tune, I started making the chips fly.  
 c) My arms felt like two dead grapevines, and my back felt like someone had pulled a plug out of one end of it and drained all the sap out.  
 d) By sunup I was so stiff I could hardly move. My hands and arms were numb. My back screamed with pain. I could go no further.

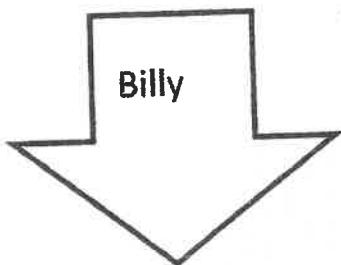
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Reread the beginning of Chapter 8.

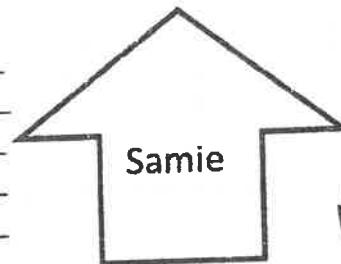
THE DAY HUNTING SEASON OPENED, I WAS AS NERVOUS AS Samie our house cat.

Explain why the author decided to compare Billy to Samie. Use examples from the text to explain how the two characters are similar.

Billy



Samie



## Where The Red Fern Grows Chapter 9

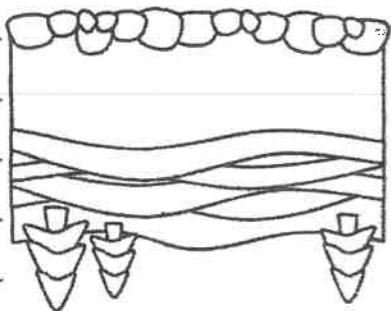
1. At the beginning of Chapter 9 when Billy was about to give up on cutting down the large tree
  - a) Little Ann and Old Dan started whining
  - b) Grandpa came by with an idea for keeping the coon in the tree long enough for Billy to rest
  - c) Papa came and told him he had to come on home
  - d) Billy found a new strength from a prayer he said
2. Grandpa's trick for keeping the coon in the tree was
  - a) to build a large fire
  - b) to make a scarecrow
  - c) to play loud music
3. Why did Grandpa pick up Old Dan and place him in the buggy?
  - a) Old Dan's paw was hurt.
  - b) Old Dan wouldn't leave Little Ann.
  - c) Old Dan didn't want to leave the coon.
  - d) Old Dan wasn't feeling well.
4. What trick had the coon used on the hounds?
  - a) backtracking
  - b) crossing the river
  - c) jumping from tree to tree
  - d) climbing the fence
5. What surprised Billy when he woke up the next morning?
  - a) Billy wasn't sore from all the chopping he had done the day before.
  - b) Old Dan had slept by the sycamore.
  - c) The rain had cleaned away all scent of the coon and his dogs no longer cared if they got the coon.
  - d) Billy was too sore to move, so he just didn't care if he got the coon or not.
6. Why did Billy start crying?
  - a) He had blisters coming up and popping all over his hands.
  - b) He knew he could never chop the tree down.
  - c) Old Dan started howling.
  - d) He was too tired to work any longer.
7. Why did Billy think his prayer had been answered?
  - a) The wind blew the large tree over.
  - b) The rain came and cooled his tired body.
  - c) The coon fell out of the tree and broke its neck.

8. A good title for Chapter 9 could be
  - a) Grandpa's Trick
  - b) Beating the Giant Sycamore Tree
  - c) Chicken and Dumplings
  - d) Coon Hunting
9. Based on the story, it is likely that in the future
  - a) Billy's sisters will start hunting coons too
  - b) Billy will find a new hobby
  - c) Billy will no longer want to hunt
  - d) Billy will continue to hunt coons
10. Which question does the story answer?
  - a) Will Billy's family move to town?
  - b) Will Billy catch the coon in the large sycamore?
  - c) Will Little Ann and Old Dan become friends with the coon hound Billy heard bawling two years earlier?
  - d) Will Billy catch many coons?

11. What is the main conflict in Chapter 9, and how is it resolved?
  - a) Billy needed to rest, so Grandpa came up with a method for keeping the coon in the tree.
  - b) Little Ann and Old Dan were inexperienced hunters, and had to learn all the tricks of the coons to be successful coon dogs.
  - c) The coon ran up the giant sycamore tree which Billy had to cut down to catch the coon.
  - d) Billy's mother was worried, so she sent the girls down to check on him.
12. Which sentence from Where the Red Fern Grows supports the conclusion that Billy believes God helped him?
  - a) It wasn't hard for me to decide. I was firmly convinced that I had been helped.
  - b) Do you think God heard my prayer?
  - c) You must remember the big sycamore was the tallest tree in the bottom 15.
  - d) No, I'm afraid I can't help you there.



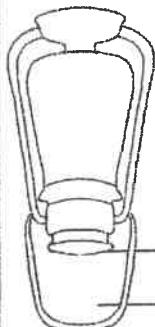
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Write a paragraph explaining how the setting of these two chapters created problems for Billy.

Second Problem the Setting Created

One Problem the Setting Created



## Setting

Time of Year for Chapters 10-11

Place where Billy lives

How is the setting important in this story? Use details and information from the story to support your answer.

Common Core RL.1 Inferences of text & inference RL.3 details of character change
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## Where the Red Fern Grows

### Comprehension Questions for Chapters 8-11

1. Why must Billy hunt at night?

- a) Coons only come out at night.
- b) The beagles can't see well in the daylight.
- c) The weather is too hot during the day.
- d) Billy just likes being outside after dark.

2. The coon is "breed"

- a) In the oak tree
- b) In the big sycamore
- c) At the top of the fence rail
- d) Inside the cave

3. Grandpa's suggestion for keeping the coon in the tree during the night was

- a) to build a pen around the tree
- b) to keep the dogs out all night
- c) to build a fire
- d) to build a scarecrow

4. How was Billy's prayer answered?

- a) The wind blew the sycamore tree down.
- b) The raccoon fell out of the tree.
- c) It began to rain.
- d) Papa helped cut down the tree.

5. A coon skin was worth

- a) \$2 - \$3
- b) \$4 - \$10
- c) \$1 - \$8
- d) \$8 - \$15

6. Billy took the money he earned from the coon skins and

- a) put it in his college fund
- b) gave it to Papa
- c) bought a gun
- d) bought gifts for his family



7. With the first coonskin Billy was able to catch using his coon dogs, Billy's mother wanted to do something special, so she \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) hung it in Grandpa's store
- b) made a coon skin hat for Billy
- c) hung it in Billy's room
- d) turned it into a pillow

8. When Ann cut her foot, Billy locked her in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) corncrib
- b) barn
- c) cellar
- d) house

9. Which dog did Billy think was smarter?

- a) Ann
- b) Dan

10. What happened to Little Ann?

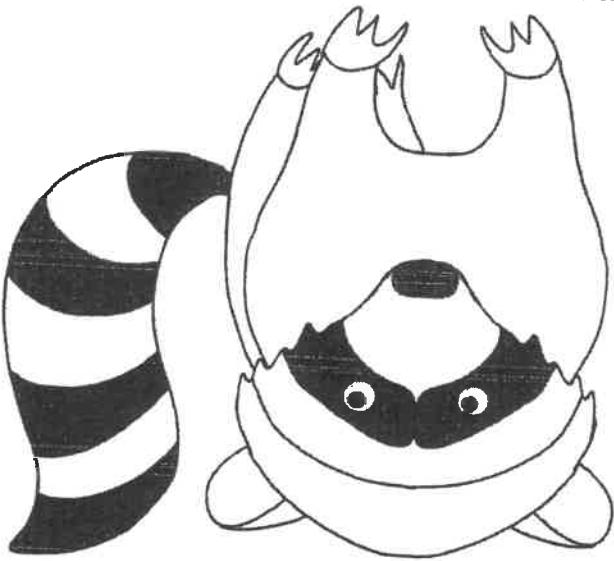
- a) Little Ann was caught in briars.
- b) Little Ann was caught in a bear trap.
- c) Little Ann fell in a groundhog hole.
- d) Little Ann fell into the icy river.

11. When Billy tried to rescue Little Ann,

- a) he hit his head on a tree limb.
- b) he became tangled in briars.
- c) the ice started to break
- d) he slipped and fell over the ledge

12. How does Billy get Ann out of the icy river?
- a) Billy chops down a tree, and then walks on it to her.
  - b) Billy uses the handle of his lantern to hook her dog collar and pulls her back to safe ground.
  - c) Billy cuts the ice with his ax handle, so Little Ann can swim to shore.
  - d) Billy dives into the water and swims out to Little Ann. He places her on his back and swims back to shore.

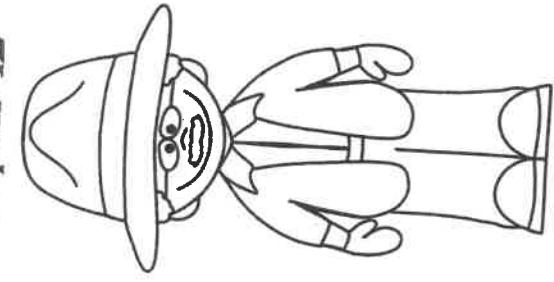




13. Which sequence best describes the order of events in this story?
- 1) The first coon the dogs tree is in the giant sycamore.
  - 2) Billy sells his coonskins at Grandpa's store.
  - 3) Billy's mother makes a coonskin hat.
  - 4) Little Ann falls into the icy river.
  - 5) Billy works for two days chopping down the giant tree.
  - 6) Billy goes on his first coon hunt with Little Ann and Old Dan.
  - 7) Billy rescues Little Ann.
14. Which statement from the Red Fern Grows contains a cause-effect relationship?
- a) Little Ann was whining and begging for help.
  - b) I knew something had happened to Little Ann.
  - c) I started hooking at the collar of Little Ann.
  - d) At the movement of Little Ann, Dan threw a fit.
15. Which statement from the story is an opinion?
- a) I wrapped Little Ann in my coat and hurried into my clothes.
  - b) I laid Little Ann close to the warm heat and went to work.
  - c) Out in the river I could hear the cold water gurgling in the icy trough. It seemed to be angry.
  - d) Before I left for home, I walked back to the sycamore tree.
16. From which point of view is Where the Red Fern Grows written?
- a) first - The writer uses pronouns such as "I", "me" or "my".
  - b) second - The narrator tells the story using the pronoun "you".
  - c) third - The author uses pronouns such as "he", "she", or "it".



## Where the Red Fern Grows Chapter 12



1. Grandpa liked to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) brag
  - b) tell jokes
  - c) tease
  - d) save money
2. Which of the following describes the Pritchards?
  - a) bullies, rugged, and nasty
  - b) dirty, wild, and mean
  - c) bootleggers, thieves, and "no-accounts"
  - d) kind, fun loving, jokesters
3. While Grandpa ground the corn \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) the Pritchards looked around the store at the shirts
  - b) the store was locked up
  - c) Billy watched the store
  - d) the Pritchards were told to wait outside
4. Rubin bought \_\_\_\_\_ at Grandpa's store.
  - a) traps
  - b) candy
  - c) tobacco
  - d) corn meal
5. Rubin bet \_\_\_\_\_ that Billy's hounds couldn't tree the ghost coon.
  - a) \$.50
  - b) \$1.00
  - c) \$2.00
  - d) \$10.00
6. What did the ghost coon do that was the opposite of what most coons would do?
  - a) jumped from tree to tree
  - b) swam upstream
  - c) ran under the brush
  - d) ran out into the open
7. A good title for Chapter 12 could be:
  - a) Bootleggers, Thieves, and No-Accounts
  - b) Chasing the Ghost Coon
  - c) Grinding Corn
  - d) A Night in the Woods

8. The author, Wilson Rawls, wrote Where the Red Fern Grows to:

- a) persuade young students to go coon hunting
- b) inform readers how to hunt for coons
- c) entertain readers with a story about coon hunting
- d) help readers become better coon hunters

9. Which excerpt from the book best supports the author's belief that young people should not use tobacco products?

- a) Rubin ordered some chewing tobacco.  
"Aren't you a little young to be chewing?" Grandpa asked.
- b) "Ain't for me. It's for my dad," Rubin growled.
- c) Grandpa handed two plugs to him.
- d) Holding the other up in front of him, he looked it over. Looking at Grandpa, he gnawed at one corner of it.
- e) "Let's go grind that corn."

10. What is the main conflict in Chapter 12?

- a) The Pritchards bet Billy that his dogs can't catch the ghost coon.
- b) The Pritchards buy chewing tobacco.
- c) Grandpa can't trust the Pritchards to stay in his store while he grinds the corn.
- d) Old Man Pritchard killed a man in Missouri.

11. Read this excerpt from *Where the Red Fern Grows*.

"Are these the hounds that we've been hearing so much about?" Rainie asked.

I nodded.

"They look too little to be any good," he said.

I told him dynamite came in little packages.

Which literary device is being used?

What does Billy mean when he told him dynamite came in little packages?

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## Where the Red Fern Grows Chapter 13

1. The Pritchards said the farm and land they were hunting on belonged to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) their grandfather
- b) Indians
- c) Billy's grandpa
- d) the government

2. How did Billy know the ghost coon was NOT in the tree?

- a) Billy could see all the limbs in the bright moonlight.
- b) Billy believed Rubin and Rainie's word.
- c) Old Dan never bawled tred.
- d) Billy climbed the tree and looked.

3. The ghost coon was hiding \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) In a small cave under the river
- b) In a hollow fence post
- c) In a groundhog hole
- d) In another tree

4. Why would Rubin and Rainie NOT give Billy the \$2.00?

- a) They claimed that Old Dan and Little Ann had not killed the ghost coon.
- b) They had never planned to give Billy the money.
- c) They said they needed it to buy tobacco.
- d) They said Billy lost the bet since Dan and Ann did not catch the coon until the next day.

5. Why did Billy NOT want to kill the ghost coon?

- a) Billy felt the ghost coon should live because it had grown so old and wise.
- b) Billy found a nest with two young coons and knew the ghost coon was a mother.
- c) Billy was afraid of the ghost coon.
- d) The ghost coon ran away before Billy had the chance to kill him.

6. What stopped Rubin from beating up Billy?

- a) A bear came by, and the boys had to run!
- b) Rubin heard an owl and was afraid of the superstition.
- c) Old Blue and Old Dan started fighting.
- d) Rainie stopped Rubin from fighting.

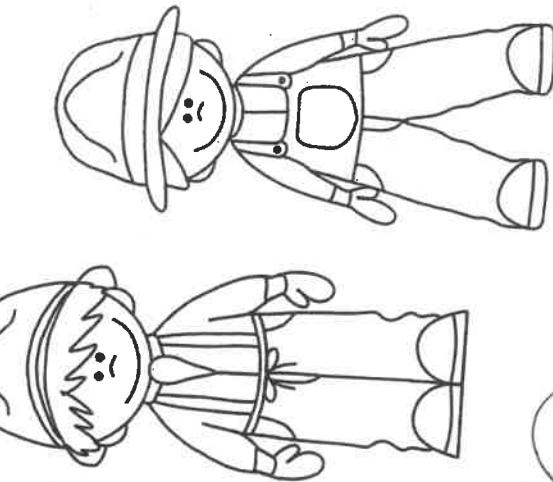
Common Core RL.3  
Compare the Pritchard brothers to Billy. Describe how they are different both physically and behaviorally. Write a paragraph to describe their biggest differences using the details from the charts.



### The Pritchard Brothers

Billy	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

7. What happened to Rubin as he was trying to kill Old Dan and Little Ann?
- Rubin fell down the rocks into the river.
  - Rubin tripped and fell on the ax.
  - Rubin heard his father calling him to come home.
  - A mountain lion cried.
8. What did Rubin ask Billy to do before he died?
- to get his ma and pa
  - to take the ax out of him
  - to find Rainie
  - to kill the ghost coon
9. What helps Billy overcome his grief of Rubin's death?
- Billy took flowers to Rubin's grave.
  - Billy made a card for the Pritchards.
  - Billy took a slice of bacon to the visitation.
  - Billy went and talked to the Pritchards.
10. Which sequence best describes the order of events in this passage?
- Rubin tripped and fell on the ax.
  - The Pritchards bet Billy that his dogs couldn't tree the ghost coon.
  - Old Blue and Old Dan started fighting.
  - Billy and the Pritchards spent the night chasing the ghost coon.
  - Rubin and Rainie came to Grandpa's store to buy tobacco.
  - Billy and his hounds figured out the ghost coon's trick.



11. Which selection from the book contains a cause-effect relationship?
- I knew my dogs were very close to each other.
  - I saw the small stick when it whipped up from the ground. As if it were alive, it caught between Rubin's legs. I saw him fall.
  - Still holding my dogs by their collars, I looked back. I couldn't understand what I saw. Rubin was lying where he had fallen.
  - I could see that Rainie was paralyzed with fright. His mouth and eyes were opened wide, and his face was as white as chalk.
12. In the future it is likely that \_\_\_\_\_.
- Rainie and Billy will go hunting together.
  - Grandpa and Billy will hunt together as a pair.
  - Old Dan and Little Ann will run away from home.
  - Billy will be extra careful with axes.
13. Which of these sentences from the story states an opinion?
- All the way home my dogs kept running out in front of me.
  - The following day was a nasty one.
  - Late in the afternoon, I saw Papa coming.
  - Mama asked how Mrs. Pritchard was taking it.
14. Which question does Chapter 13 answer?
- Will Rainie get over Rubin's death?
  - How did Grandpa react to Rubin's death?
  - What were Rubin's last words before he died?
  - How did Old Blue die?

## Where the Red Fern Grows Chapter 14

The illustrations in the chart below are clues to some of the problems that Billy faced in Chapter 13. Fill in the chart to explain the problem. Beside each problem, write how Billy reacted to the situation or solved the problem.

Common Core RL.1  
(analysis of text & inferences)



*Ghost Coon*

Problem \_\_\_\_\_

Solution \_\_\_\_\_

Problem \_\_\_\_\_

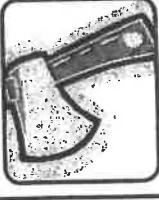
Solution \_\_\_\_\_



*Bilby*

Problem \_\_\_\_\_

Solution \_\_\_\_\_



*Ax*

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1. Why does Grandpa blame himself for Rubin's death?

- a) Grandpa had hoped something bad would happen to the Pritchards.
- b) Grandpa was the person who had given Billy the ax.
- c) Grandpa thought the incident would not have happened if he hadn't called Rubin's bet.

2. What surprising news did Grandpa have for Billy?

- a) Grandpa had entered Old Dan and Little Ann in a championship coon hunt.
- b) Grandpa had sold his store and was moving to town.
- c) Grandpa was getting married.
- d) Grandpa wanted Billy to go with him on a vacation to Tennessee.

3. What foreshadowing did Rawls do in Chapter 1 that lets the reader know how the coon hunt will turn out?

- a) The old man had a photograph of the championship coon hunt hanging in his home.
- b) The old man told the hurt dog that he once had championship hounds.
- c) The old man had two cups on his mantel.
- d) The old man had a trophy in his home.

4. Grandpa gave Little Ann and Old Dan \_\_\_\_\_ as a treat.

- a) dog biscuits
- b) cheese
- c) bacon
- d) rubber toys

5. Grandpa, Papa, and Old Dan would get to the coon hunt by \_\_\_\_\_

- a) foot
- b) train
- c) buggy
- d) car

6. Billy had been so busy he hadn't noticed \_\_\_\_\_

- a) his papa had grown a beard
- b) his mom was going to have a baby
- c) his sister was going to have a birthday celebration
- d) his shoe had gotten a hole in it

7. Billy's youngest sister asked him \_\_\_\_\_

- a) if she could have the gold cup
- b) if she could go to the coon hunt
- c) if Billy could win the coon hunt
- d) if they could have a party when he came home

8. What was the one thing Billy said was wrong with Little Ann?

- a) Little Ann was playing all the time.
- b) Little Ann acted like a pup.
- c) Little Ann was gun-shy.
- d) Little Ann never stayed with Old Dan.

9. Grandpa had packed the buggy with the tent,  
groceries, and \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) flashlights  
b) dog food  
c) Billy's ax  
d) sleeping bags

10. A good title for Chapter 14 could be:  
a) Gun-Shy  
b) Rubin's Death  
c) An Exciting Adventure  
d) The Day of the Hunt

11. Based on the story one could conclude all of the following EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Little Ann and Old Dan will win a gold cup at the coon hunt  
b) Grandpa would be excited about the coon hunt  
c) Grandma would stay by herself while Grandpa went to the coon hunt

12. Which statement from Chapter 14 contains a cause-effect relationship?  
a) Grandma handed Grandpa a pair of long-handle underwear and a scarf, saying, "I knew you'd forget something."  
b) Little Ann sensed my happiness.  
c) I was so choked up I couldn't say anything.  
d) My sisters started clapping their hands and squealing with delight.

Common Core RL.1  
(Analysis of text &  
Inferences)

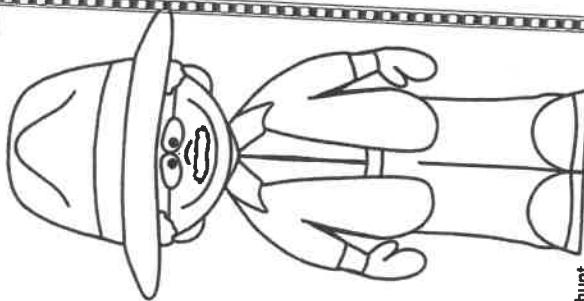
Explain what course of action you would take if you were in Billy's situation and  
Little Ann and Old Dan want to go wherever Billy goes. Explain why this would  
be a more effective course than the course Billy chose.

After a practically sleepless night, the next morning I started for the store. I was walking along deep in thought when Little Ann zipped by me. She was as happy as a young gray squirrel. She wiggled and twisted and once she barked at me. I looked behind me. There was Old Dan trotting along. He stopped when I turned around. Little Ann came up to me. I scolded them and tried to explain that I wasn't going hunting. I was just going up to the store to see what my grandpa wanted. They couldn't, or didn't, want to understand.

I picked up a small stick and slapped my leg with it. In a deep voice I said, "Now you go home, or I'm going to wear you out."

This hurt their feelings. With their tails between their legs and trotting side by side, they started back. Every little way they would stop and look back at me. It was too much. I couldn't stand it. I began to feel bad all over.

"Well, all right," I said. "Come on, you can go, but, Dan, if there are any dogs around the store, and you get in a fight, I won't take you hunting for a whole year, and I mean that," although I knew I didn't.



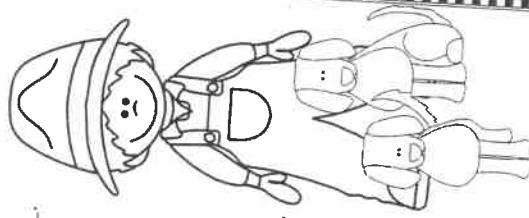
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## Where the Red Fern Grows Chapter 16

- Why did Grandpa ride in his buggy to a hunting spot?  
 a) Grandpa wanted to move away from the territory that had already been hunted.  
 b) Grandpa wanted to keep the number of coons they caught a secret from the other contestants.  
 c) Grandpa wanted to hunt by the river bottoms.
- Why did the group lose sight of Little Ann and Old Dan?  
 a) The dogs crossed the river.  
 b) The dogs were running too fast to keep up with them.  
 c) The group had to stop and look for Grandpa's glasses.  
 d) The dogs went down a steep ledge which the humans were unable to go down.
- The 40-gauge pistol that Papa carried was used for  
 a) shooting large game  
 b) scaring the coons  
 c) killing the coons
- Why did Billy and his papa build a large fire?  
 a) to cook a snack  
 b) to dry off Grandpa's clothes  
 c) to smoke the coon down from the tree  
 d) to signal to the other hunters that they needed help
- The judge, Papa, and Billy kept laughing because  
 a) Grandpa looked funny falling out of the tree  
 b) Grandpa looked funny in his steaming long underwear  
 c) Grandpa looked funny tripping and sliding down the steep bank  
 d) Grandpa looked funny wearing his shoes on the wrong feet
- The coon had tricked Little Ann and Old Dan by  
 a) swimming upstream  
 b) hiding in a dug out  
 c) jumping from the fence into the tree  
 d) hiding in a burrow
- The hounds caught \_\_\_\_\_ coons during the elimination round.  
 a) 1  
 b) 2  
 c) 3  
 d) 4



- Little Ann and Old Dan chased the coon  
 a) up in the mountains  
 b) right through the camp  
 c) down in the river bottoms  
 d) out into an open field
- Billy and his dogs would be competing between \_\_\_\_\_ other teams in the final round of the competition.  
 a) 2  
 b) 6  
 c) 10  
 d) 5

- What surprised the judge at the end of Chapter 16?  
 a) Little Ann was doctoring Old Dan's cut ears.  
 b) The dogs had killed the coon in the river.  
 c) The dogs had trapped the first coon in less than 30 minutes.  
 d) Even though the coons were small they were extremely strong.
- Which sequence best describes the order of events in Chapter 16?  
 1) Billy and Pa build a fire.  
 2) Grandpa falls into the river.  
 3) The men in camp take up a collection for the winner.  
 4) Old Dan fights a big coon in the deep water.  
 5) Old Dan and Little Ann hunt the final round with two other teams.  
 6) Grandpa decides to hunt in new territory.  
 a) 6, 2, 1, 4, 5, 3  
 b) 6, 2, 1, 3, 5, 4  
 c) 6, 2, 4, 1, 3, 5  
 d) 6, 2, 4, 5, 3, 1
- The judge said, "Well, have you ever seen that? Look over there!"  
 Old Dan was standing perfectly still, with eyes closed and head hanging down. Little Ann was licking at his cut and bleeding ears.  
 "She always does that," I said.  
 This passage implies \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) Little Ann was acting like a mother  
 b) Dan was hurt too severely to continue hunting  
 c) Licking wounds helps them heal  
 d) Old Dan and Little Ann have a unique relationship



13. The conflict in this chapter is mostly the result of which event
- Grandpa and Billy wishing to win the coon hunt championship
  - Papa wanting to win the money the hunters collected
  - the judge being unfair
  - Grandpa being too old to coon hunt
14. Which statement from Chapter 16 is an opinion?
- We followed along, stopping now and then to listen.
  - Tension began to build up in the camp.
  - I jumped and grabbed his arm.
  - I spied the coon in the topmost branches.

Common Core RL.4  
word choice,  
figurative language,  
sound devices,  
composition

13. Read the beginning of Chapter 16. Tell which literary device is used in each of the bold phrases. Choose one to explain the meaning.
14. a) Grandpa walked off a few yards, stretched his body, and dragged his claws through the soft bottom soil. Opening his mouth, he let out one loud bawl, and then disappeared in the thick timber. Little Ann was right on his heels.

We took off after them.

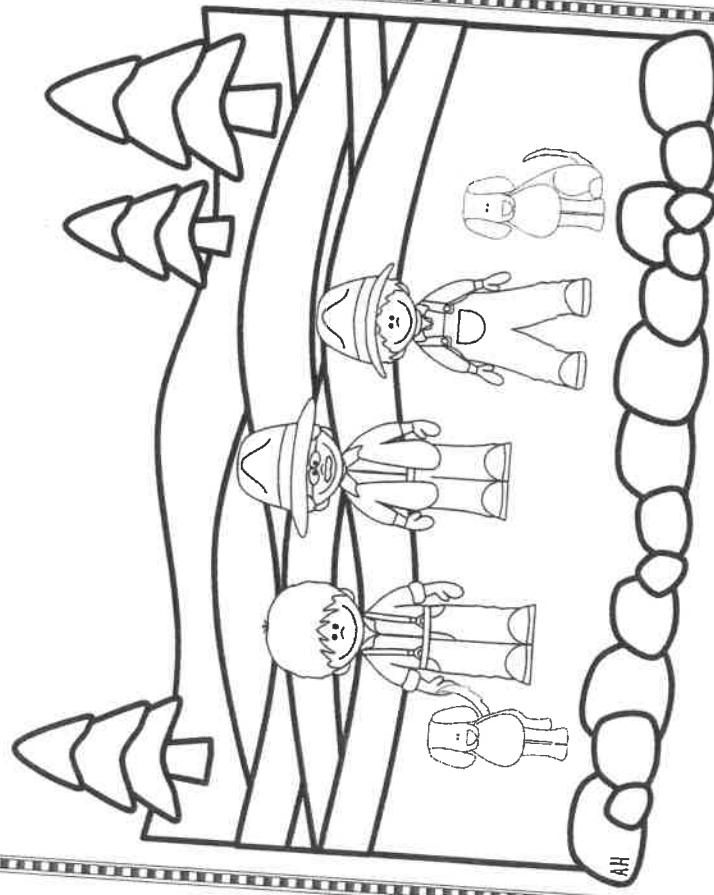
Grandpa got nervous. He said to me, "Don't you think you ought to whoop to them?" I told him to wait a little while. There would be plenty of time for whooping. He snorted and said he thought a hunter always whooped to his dogs. "I do, Grandpa," I said, "but not before they strike a trail."

We walked on. Every now and then we would stop and listen. I could hear the loud snuffing of Old Dan. Once we caught a glimpse of Little Ann as she darted across an opening that was bathed in moonlight. She was as silent as a ghost and as quick as a flitting shadow. Papa said, "It sure is a beautiful night for hunting."

The judge said, "You can't beat these Ozark Mountain nights for beauty. I don't care where you go."

Grandpa started to say something. His voice was drowned out by the bell-like cry of Little Ann.

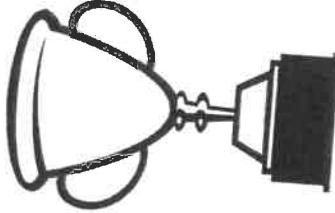
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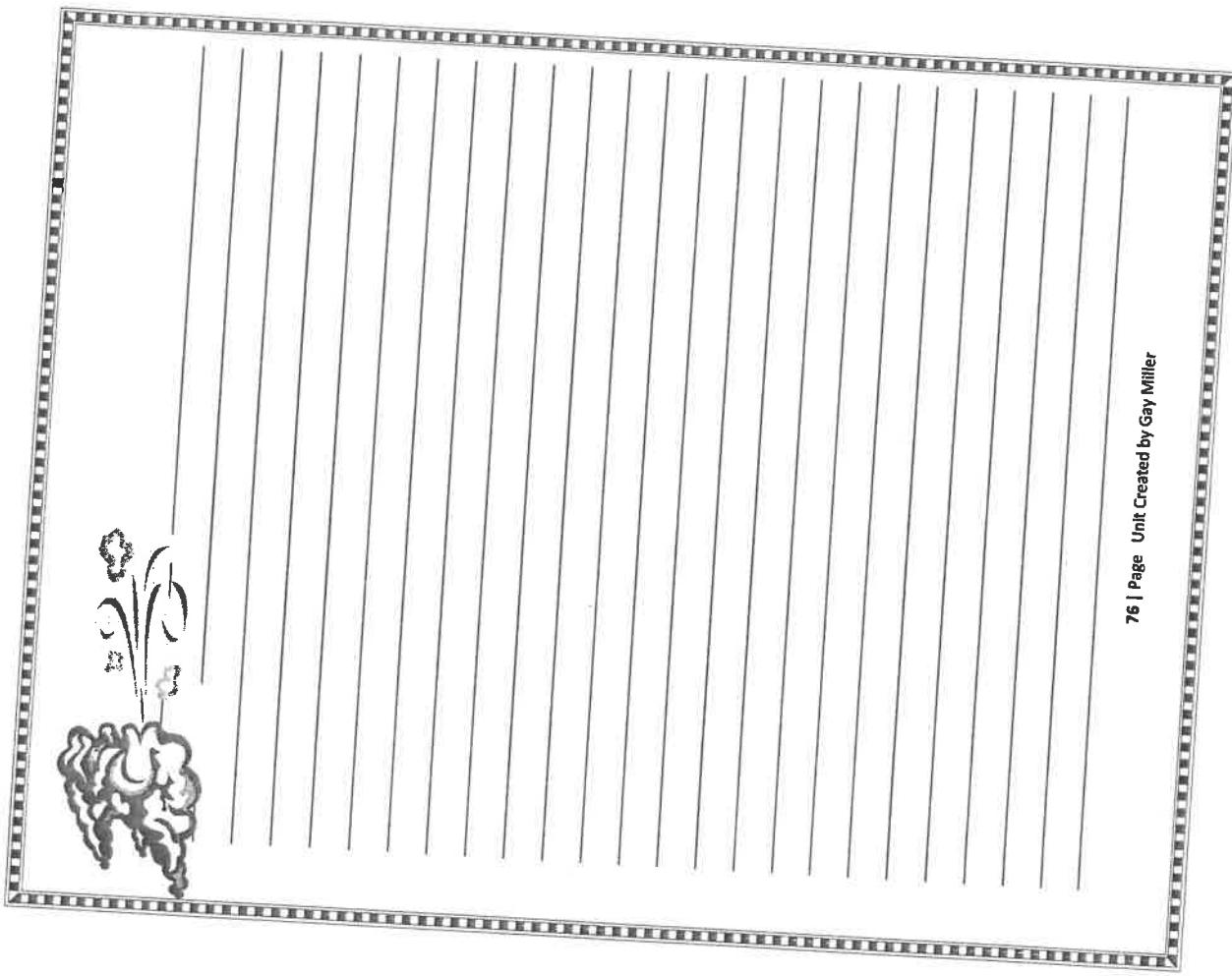
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1. During the final elimination round the weather was \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) warm and breezy
  - b) cold and breezy
  - c) cold and sleetling
  - d) hot and humid
  
2. Billy would NOT come out of the storm because \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) he wanted to win the gold cup
  - b) he was lost
  - c) he did not want to leave his dogs out in the storm
  - d) he could not find his papa
  
3. Billy asked Papa to \_\_\_\_\_ so the hounds would come to them.
  - a) blow the whistle
  - b) all whoop at the same time
  - c) fire the pistol
  - d) yell
  
4. When Grandpa fell he hurt \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) his back
  - b) his wrist
  - c) his head
  - d) his ankle
  
5. When the hollow tree was finally pushed over \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) there wasn't a coon inside
  - b) three coons busted out
  - c) Old Dan and Little Ann were too cold to fight the coon
  - d) a mother coon and her baby were inside
  
6. The judge said he never before saw hounds \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) show affection for anyone
  - b) tackle three coons at once
  - c) climb an icy bank
  
7. To help Grandpa feel better Billy \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) told him stories of his coon dogs
  - b) heated the whiskey and gave him a swig
  - c) heated the coon pelt and laid it over his swollen ankle
  - d) gave him hot coffee



8. How did the men in camp know something was wrong with Billy, Grandpa, Papa, and the judge?
  - a) Grandpa's team broke loose and came back to the camp.
  - b) The men in camp heard Papa shooting the pistol.
  - c) Little Ann and Old Dan came back to camp bawling.
  
9. Mr. Benson scared Billy when he told Billy his dogs were \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) frozen solid
  - b) in the river
  - c) running in circles
  - d) cut and bleeding
  
10. Along with the gold cup Billy was given \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) all new supplies needed for hunting
  - b) the raccoon pelts from the hunt
  - c) a gun
  - d) \$300.00
  
11. Which statement from Chapters 17-18 contains a cause-effect relationship?
  - a) During the course of the meal, the entire story of the championship hunt was told, some by \_\_\_\_\_
  
12. The main conflict in these chapters is mostly the result of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Old Dan falling in the river
  - b) the memory of Rubin
  - c) the ghost coon
  - d) the poor weather
  
13. Which sentence from Chapters 17-18 supports the conclusion that Little Ann and Old Dan were the best hounds at the championship?
  - a) I saw the gleaming metal of the gold cup in his hand.
  - b) Turning to the crowd, he said, "Fellows, I can always say this. On this hunt I've seen two of the finest little coon hounds I ever hope to see."
  - c) The Judge said, "Son, there's a place on the cup to engrave the names of your dogs."
  - d) Why had Mama knelt in prayer in front of my dogs?
  
14. Which question does Chapters 17-18 answer?
  - a) What will Billy do with the prize money?
  - b) How long will it take for Grandpa to recover from his sprained ankle?
  - c) Will Old Dan's ear have scars from the fight he had with the coon in the river?
  - d) How will Billy's family celebrate him winning the coon hunt?





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Looking at Riddle, I said, "I have lost that dog's coat enough to hear it, maybe. Let's make do with what we have." I took from a tree by the river. "I have lost that dog's coat enough to hear it, maybe. Let's make do with what we have."

Slowly the walls started straight to the lake bottom. Little Ann caught the set of gills and crawled the most beautiful tree bark I ever seen. A large limb, torn from a tree by the river, stung me. I sat down to the ground. Shouting to my teeth, I said, "Shoot the gun, if my dogs are done enough to us."

Annn will come to us," I said, "Shout the gun, if my dogs are done enough to us."

**Chopping Down the Giant Sycamore**

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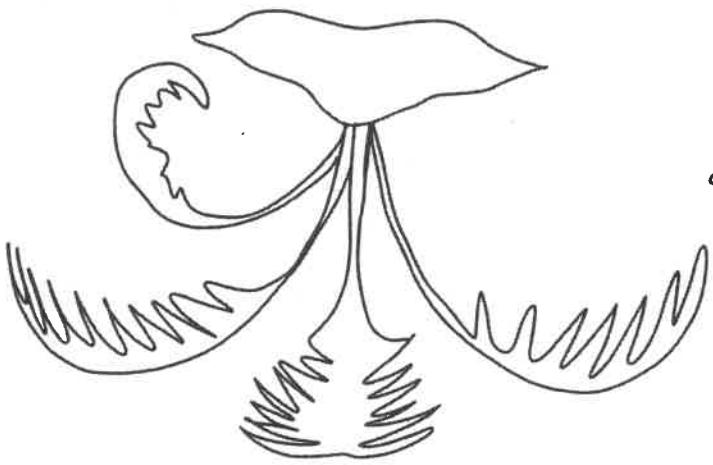
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a) to get away from the already hunted territory  
b) because a skunk's scent was upriver  
c) because a mountain lion could be heard upriver

2. What type of gun did Papa have?  
a) pellet gun  
b) 410 gauge pistol  
c) 22 shotgun

3. What happened to Grandpa as he crossed the stream?  
a) Grandpa slipped and fell in the water.  
b) Grandpa ran into a bear.  
c) Grandpa caught a minnow in his boot.  
d) Grandpa found a coon.

4. How many raccoons did Billy get the first night he hunted in the competition?  
a) 2  
b) 4  
c) 3  
d) 1

5. Who kept getting into trouble during the coon hunt?  
a) Billy  
b) Papa  
c) the judge  
d) Grandpa

6. How did Grandpa get hurt?  
a) sprained his ankle  
b) twisted his wrist  
c) hit his head  
d) cut his leg

7. How did the dogs keep from freezing?  
a) The dogs found a cave.  
b) The dogs crawled under the snow.  
c) The dogs kept running.  
d) The dogs curled up together.

8. What did Billy do with the prize money?  
a) Billy gave the money to Grandpa.  
b) Billy gave the money to his parents.  
c) Billy bought more dogs with the money.  
d) Billy put the money in the bank.

# Where the Red Fern Grows Comprehension for Chapters 16-20

9. Why did Billy decide to take the cup home instead of getting it engraved right away?
- Billy wanted to show the cup to his Mama.
  - Billy couldn't part with the cup so soon after winning it.
  - Billy promised the cup to his sister.
  - Billy wanted to engrave it instead of getting it engraved right away.
10. How did Little Ann and Old Dan save Billy's life?
- Little Ann and Old Dan got between him and the mountain lion.
  - Little Ann and Old Dan pulled him out of the freezing river.
  - Little Ann and Old Dan scared the mother bear away.
  - Little Ann and Old Dan fought the wolf.
11. How did Billy kill the mountain lion?
- He pushed the mountain lion into the river.
  - He threw the lantern at the mountain lion.
  - He hit the mountain lion with his ax.
  - He helped the dogs help his family.
12. How had the dogs helped Billy's family?
- With the money Billy had earned and the prize money, Billy's family could move to town so their children could get an education.
  - Little Ann and Old Dan found the red fern which Billy's family could sell and earn a lot of money.
  - Little Ann and Old Dan brought the family good luck by helping them find the oil on their property.
  - Little Ann died of a broken heart.
13. What happened to Little Ann?
- Little Ann ran away to find Old Dan.
  - Little Ann and Old Dan grew old together.
  - Little Ann died of a broken heart.
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14. Billy found \_\_\_\_\_ on the grave of his coon dogs.
- a red fern
  - a patch of daisies
  - an oak tree sprouting
  - the grave of his coon dogs.
15. Which question can a reader answer after reading Where the Red Fern Grows?
- How did Billy feel about his two coon dogs, Little Ann and Old Dan?
  - How will Billy and his family like living in town?
  - Will the marshal help Billy make friends?
  - Will Billy get new coon dogs after losing Little Ann and Old Dan?
16. Where the Red Fern Grows can be categorized in which type of literary genre?
- a play
  - a biography
  - a journal entry
  - a historical fiction