

Literature Review: Unit 1, Part 1

Checkouts, Raymond's Run, Stop the Sun, A Mother in Mannville and The Ransom of Red Chief

Name: _____ Period: _____

Recall the characters and events in the story. Then answer the questions in sentences or phrases.

1. At the beginning of the story, how does the girl feel about her new home?
How do you know?

2. Why does the girl offer to go to the supermarket?

3. Why does the bag boy interest the girl so much?

4. How does the bag boy help the girl even though he never speaks to her?

5. What happens the next time they see each other?

6. Why does Squeaky have to spend so much time watching out for her brother Raymond? How does she feel about that?

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7. How does Squeaky practice her running?
8. Who is Gretchen?
9. What does Squeaky's encounter with Gretchen, Rosie, and Mary Louise tell you about Squeaky?
10. How does the race change what is important to Squeaky?
11. Describe the incident that makes Terry realize that he must ask his father about Vietnam.
12. Why doesn't Terry's father want to talk about Vietnam?

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13. What happened to Terry's father in the rice paddy?
14. How does learning about that night in the rice paddy affect Terry's relationship with his father?
15. Why has the narrator come to live in the Carolina mountains?
16. Who is Jerry? Why does the narrator hire him?
17. What are some of the things that the narrator likes about Jerry as she gets to know him? What impresses her the most?
18. How does the narrator feel when Jerry tells her that he has a mother? Why does she feel that way?

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19. What does the narrator learn about Jerry's mother at the end of the story?
20. What is the first clue that the kidnapping might not turn out as Bill and Sam planned?
21. Describe Red Chief.
22. How does Red Chief feel about being kidnapped?
23. Who is in charge of the situation at the cave? Explain.
24. Why does Mr. Dorset ask the kidnappers for money?