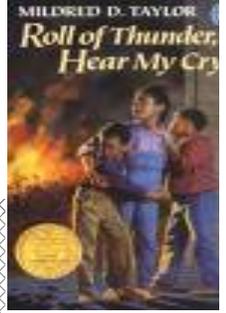


## QAR Activity with ‘Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry’



Directions: Read the following passages from chapter 5 and answer the questions.

### Passage 1

“T.J., however, was surprisingly subdued when he settled into the wagon; I suppose that at three-thirty in the morning even T.J.’s mouth was tired. But by dawn, when the December sun was creeping warily upward shooting pale streams of buff-colored light through the forest, he was fully awake and chattering like a cockatoo. His endless talk made me wish that he had not managed to wheedle his way so speedily back into Stacey’s good graces, but Big Ma, her face furrowed in distant thoughts, did not hush him.”

**Question:** How did Cassie feel about T.J.’s constant talking?

**The answer to this question is “right there” in the text.**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### Passage 2

“Mr. Barnett walked to another counter and began filling the order, but before he finished a white woman called, “Mr. Barnett, you waiting on anybody just now?”

Mr. Barnett turned around. “Just them,” he said, indicating us with a wave of his hand. “What can I do for you, Miz Emmaline?” The woman handed him a list twice as long as T.J.’s and the storekeeper, without a word of apology to us, proceeded to fill it.”

**Question:** Why would Mr. Barnett be so quick to abandon the children? How might they feel right now?

**To answer this question you must think about what you know, what the author says, and how they fit together.**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passage 3**

“I watched him go, but did not follow. Instead, I ambled along the sidewalk trying to understand why Mr. Barnett had acted the way he had. More than once I stopped and gazed over my shoulder at the mercantile. I had a good mind to go back in and find out what had made Mr. Barnett so mad. I actually turned once and headed toward the store, then remembering what Mr. Barnett had said about my returning, I swung back around, kicking at the sidewalk, my head bowed.”

**Question:** Why is Cassie so indecisive about returning to the store?

**“Think and search” about this question and you’ll find the answer. It is there in the text, but you may have to search for it.**

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Passage 4**

“Stop, Cassie!” Big Ma said. « Stop, it’s me. We’re going home now.”

“Not ‘fore she ‘pologizes to my gal, y’all ain’t,” said Mr. Simms.

Big Ma gazed down at me, fear in her eyes, then back at the growing crowd. “She jus’ a child—”

“Tell her, Aunty—”

Big Ma looked at me again, her voice cracking as she spoke. “Go on, child . . . apologize.”

**Question:** Do you think that Cassie’s apologising to Lillian Jean will improve the relationship between the Logans and the Simmes? What makes you think that way?

**The text can’t help you answer this one. You must use your experience and opinions and answer this question “on your own”.**

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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