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Comprehension Questions for *The Cay* Chapters 11 - 18

As you read to yourself, please answer the following questions in complete sentences. Write the page number where you find each answer, as well. If answers are not in complete sentences you will not receive credit for them.

Chapter Eleven

1. What is a cane? Draw a picture of one below. Pg. # _____

2. Recall three things that Phillip can do by himself on the island. How did he learn how to do these things? Pg. # _____

3. What is the jumbi? Do you believe in spirits? Why or why not? Pg. # _____

4. After stepping on the skate fish, Phillip realizes the raft is gone. What does he think has happened? Pg. # _____

5. What really happened? Pg. # _____

6. After discussing voodoo as a group, describe the voodoo ideas about how to be safe.

Chapter Twelve

1. Timothy has been Phillip's caretaker throughout much of the book. What happens that reverses these roles? Pg. # _____

2. How does Phillip react to the situation? Pg. # _____

3. What does this episode prove about the idea that "Team Beats Individual"?

4. What does it mean to *lean on someone* for support? Describe the literal meaning AND describe the figurative meaning for this phrase.

Chapter Fourteen

1. How did Timothy know a hurricane was coming?

Pg. # _____

2. What had Timothy done to prepare for the storm? List and explain three reasons for doing so.

Pg. # _____

Chapter Fifteen

1. Describe the effects of the hurricane on Phillip and Timothy's cay. Pg. # _____

2. Have you ever been caught in the rain? _____ Create a simile that expresses the feeling of getting rained on.

3. What is the biggest storm you have ever been in? What happened?

4. On or around p.111, Phillip uses the phrase *cut to ribbons*. What does this mean?

5. Did the end of the chapter surprise you? Why or why not?

6. If you were the Theodore Taylor (the author), would you have wanted Timothy and Phillip to have one last conversation? Why or why not?

Chapter Sixteen

1. Think back and look back through the novel. Explain at least five ways that Timothy helped Phillip.

2. What is a legacy? What legacy did Timothy leave Phillip?

3. On or around p. 116, Phillip thinks, *but something told me I must stay very busy and not think about myself*. Why? What was he afraid of?

4. Why did the birds attack Phillip and Stew Cat?

Pg. # _____

Chapter Seventeen

1. What does Phillip learn from the episodes with the birds and the eel? Pg. # _____

Chapter Eighteen

1. List the five senses.

2. What happened to Phillip's other senses after he became blind? How do you know?

3. How did Phillip attempt to get the attention of the passing airplanes? Pg. # _____

4. What did Phillip need to create a better signal? Why? Pg. # _____

5. On or around p. 130, Phillip writes, *forgetting for a moment*; what is the significance of this phrase? What does it tell you about his relationship with Timothy?
