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Comprehension Questions for *The Cay* Chapters 5-10

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 Five

1. What happened with the airplane? Pg. # _____

2. On or around p. 50, Phillip writes that, "His eyes were becoming mine." What does this sentence mean?

3. Do you believe that people are looking for Phillip? Why or why not?

Chapter Six

1. Explain what happened when the raft tilted to one side.

2. What challenges arise as they enter the island?

3. If you were Phillip would you rather stay on the raft or go to the island? Make a list of advantages and disadvantages for going to the island.

Advantages

Disadvantages

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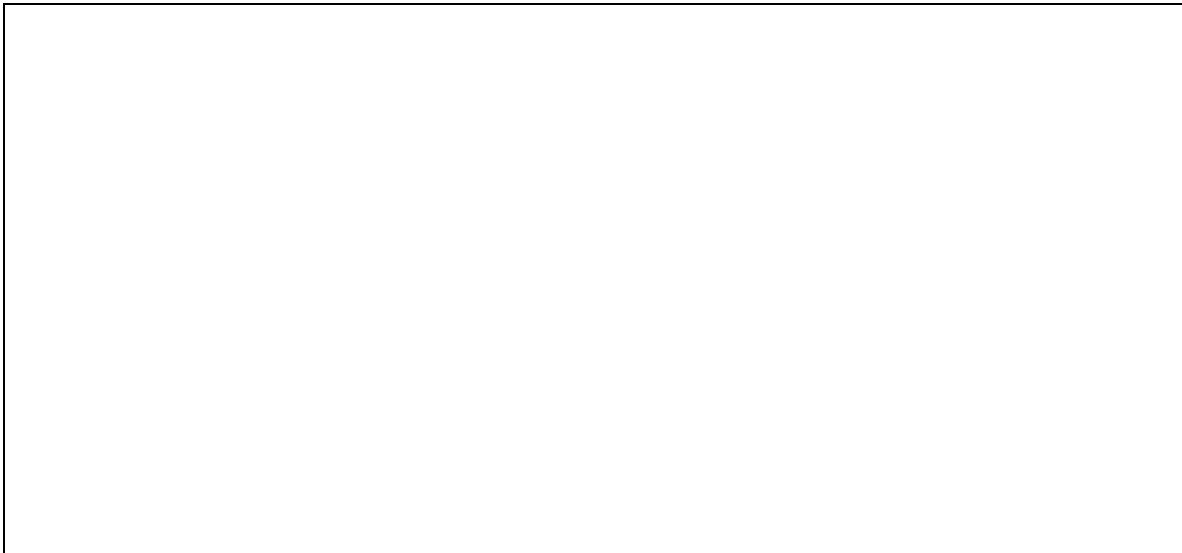
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4. Draw a picture of your favorite scene from the book so far.



Chapter Seven

1. Do you think Phillip and Timothy will be rescued? Why or why not?

2. What does Phillip think about race? How do you know?

3. On or around p. 59, Phillip laments that Timothy is being dishonest. What happened to make Phillip think this? Was Timothy really being dishonest or was Phillip just getting used to his own lack of vision?

4. How do you think Phillip is dealing with his situation? Is he flexible? Too demanding? How do you think you would react to losing your vision? Write two paragraphs.

Chapter Eight

1. In the first paragraph, the reader learns something about whether or not people are searching for Phillip and Timothy. What does the reader learn?

2. On or around p. 65, Phillip writes, *My mother was right, I thought. They had their place and we had ours. He did not really like me, or he would have taken me along. He was different.* What is Phillip talking about? Do you agree with him? Why or why not? Write at least 50 words.

3. On or around p. 66, Phillip writes, *I turned away. Sooner or later, Timothy would have to understand that he could not ignore me one minute and then treat me as a friend the next.* What text-to-life connections can you make between your life and Phillip's thoughts?

4. What is the significance of Timothy asking Phillip to spell the word "help" in sand?

Chapter Nine

1. Describe a mule.

2. On or around p. 71, when Timothy tries to teach Phillip how to make the bed mats, Phillip reacts in a certain way. How does he react? Does this surprise you? Why or why not?

3. What did Phillip learn at the end of the chapter? What happened that made Phillip want to change his mind about Timothy? Explain at least two ideas.

Chapter Ten

1. Why does Phillip like the rain so much?

2. How does Timothy explain the fact that the world has many different races? Do you agree with him? Why or why not?

3. Describe Timothy and Phillip's diet.

4. Why does Timothy avoid discussing Phillip's eyes?
