



“The Cay”
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Assignment Directions:

Follow the directions for each section of the assignment. You must type your answers and *turn your work in on the first day of school*. You do not need to write the question, simply answer the questions based on the directions. Electronic forms of the assignment will not be accepted; *you must turn in a hard copy*.

Typing Instructions: Please use Times New Roman, font size 12, double spaced.

Comprehension Questions

Directions: Answer each question with a restate and proper grammar and punctuation. Each answer should be 3 sentences long with evidence from the novel. You must cite the page you are quoting. For example: “*Curacao was attacked by German submarines in February of 1942,*” (page 1).

Structure:

1st sentence – restate and answer

2nd sentence – text evidence

3rd sentence – explain or analyze how the evidence supports your answer

1. Explain why Phillip and his family are in Curacao.
2. How did Timothy make a shelter for him and Phillip while on the raft?
3. How did Phillip feel when Timothy left him to explore the island? Explain your answer.
4. Why does Timothy not like Stew Cat? Explain your answer.
5. Why is this so important?
6. Why is Timothy so worried about the storm that is coming?
7. Why do Phillip and Timothy tie themselves to a palm tree during the storm?
8. What does Phillip mean when he says that holding a hand could be like medicine?
9. What happens at the end of Chapter 15? Why doesn't Phillip cry right away?
10. Name three things about Phillip that surprise his rescuers.

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Reading Response

Directions: Answer each question with a restate and proper grammar and punctuation. Each answer should be 5 sentences long with evidence from the novel. You must cite the page you are quoting. For example: “*Curacao was attacked by German submarines in February of 1942,*” (page 1).

Structure:

1st sentence – restate and answer

2nd-5th sentences – text evidence and explain or analyze how the evidence supports your answer. Any order is acceptable, but you can only use one quote.

1. Explain how the setting in Chapter 1 helps the reader understand the conflict in the story. Cite evidence from the story to support your answer.
2. Describe Mrs. Enright’s actions during the torpedo attack. How does this reaction compare to her behavior in the beginning of the book?
3. In Chapter 8, Phillip is proud about an ability he has over Timothy. What is it that Phillip can do better than Timothy? How does this show Phillip’s true character?
4. When Philip first meets Timothy, he thinks he is ugly and doesn’t give him proper respect. Read 1 Samuel 16:7 and Galatians 3:26-28, what does the Bible say about the way we should treat those who are not like us? Which character did a better job of acting like the verses above?
5. Phillip says he will someday charter a boat to find the island. Why do you think he wants to do this?

Drawing

Directions: : On pages 76-77 of Chapter 11, the author describes the island where they have settled in detail. Draw a depiction of the island based on the descriptions in the text. Your drawing should be on an 8 ½ x 11 white sheet of paper and should use at least 75% of the space; use colors and label the parts of the island. Grading will be based on quality (neatness, realistic colors, and effort) and content (attention to detail from the text and labels).