Writing Prompts

Chapter 1

In complete sentences and using examples from the book, describe the situation of the people working on plantations and why it's so significant to Cassie's dad that they own their own land.

Chapter 2

In complete sentences explain John Henry's story and how that was connected to Cassie's father coming home for the weekend with Mr. Morrison.

Chapter 3

In complete sentences and using examples from the book, explain why the white people would be coming after any of the black people in this chapter.

Chapter 4

In complete sentences explain why Mrs. Logan was encouraging her students and their families to not go to or shop at the Wallace store?

Chapter 5

Explain why Big Ma reacted the way she did to Mr. Simms when he demanded Cassie to apologize to his daughter for bumping into her.

Chapter 6

Explain in complete sentences why it was so important for Mr. Morrison to talk Uncle Hammer out of getting revenge on Mr. Simms.

Chapter 7

Explain in complete sentences and using examples from the book why and how Mr. Granger will try to get his land back.

Chapter 8

In this chapter Mrs. Logan lost her job as a schoolteacher. Explain in complete sentences and using examples from the book how she lost her job and what that means for their family.

Chapter 9

Explain in your own words and in complete sentences what happened to Mr. Morrison, Papa and Stacey as they were coming back home from shopping in Vicksburg.

Chapter 10

Explain in your own words and in complete sentences why it is trouble for TJ to be hanging out with Melvin and R.W. Simms.

Chapter 11

Describe in complete sentences what Mr. Jamison did the night TJ broke in the store and why.

Chapter 12

Describe in complete sentences your thoughts on this book and why it is such an important message to share.