

Harper and Moon

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Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete, detailed sentence answers in your notebook.

Chapter One: The Sign Painter

1. List the smells that came from Paddie's truck.
2. Pretend that you are Paddie and you have been asked to paint a sign to sell peaches. Use the ideas on page four - "beautifully colored fruits and strange wonderful letters and words to stir and shift".
3. "Harper enjoyed meeting Paddie whenever he came to the house to paint signs." Find proof of this in the chapter and write the facts from the pages. Include the page number where you found this information.

Chapter Two: Blood Brothers

1. Harper meets Paddie's son Moon. Read page five and illustrate what you think Moon looked like. Describe him beneath the picture.
2. Moon liked to wander through Nature looking for treasures. Draw and label the three treasures he found that day to show Harper.
3. Where did Moon and Harper go and what did they do after they left Paddie to his work?
4.
 - a) List the various materials Moon used to make the sailboat.
 - b) Illustrate the sailboat.
 - c) Explain what the rudder on a boat is used for and where it can be found.
5. Why did Moon hold up the crumpled rose to the flying hummingbird?
6. Moon and Harper had sealed their "secret" in blood. This is not a safe thing to do. Instead of blood, what sign would you and your friend use in making a promise to keep a secret between the two of you?



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Similes #1

A **simile** is an expressive figure of speech showing a comparison or a likeness to another idea by the use of such terms as "like", "as" and "so". These similes are taken from chapters three and four of Harper Moon. Locate each simile (pages are given) and explain what the writer is trying to say.

1. Page 15: ...like some huge puffy snake preparing to strike

2. Page 18: ...like grass snakes across the smooth wood

3. Page 30: ...as a deer in the meadow

4. Page 31: ...like some wild critter

5. Page 32: ...like a cat to the back of the truck

Similes #2

Here are some more similes from chapters six to ten. Locate each simile (pages are given) and explain what the writer is trying to say.

1. Page 61: ...like a frozen chocolate edged with frost.

2. Page 70: ...as an overturned beetle

3. Page 72: ...like great chunks of soft sugar



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Emotions Map

Tell how Harper felt during some major events of the first five chapters of Harper and Moon. Read about the major events and write the emotion/feeling on the blank lines provided. Imagine you were Harper at this time: "How did Harper (you) feel?"

