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Directions: Fill in the blanks as the class brainstorms words associated with disabilities, differences, and prejudices.

Physical Disabilities	Mental Disabilities	Targets of Racism	Class Differences	Gender Differences

Why do people make fun of others who have differences that cannot be changed?



Reminder: It is NOT acceptable today to use the term "retarded" when describing a person with mental disabilities. It is NOT acceptable to use the term "colored" when talking about black people in the United States. Instead, use the term African American.



- 3. What does Tiger notice on the way to the nursery?
- 4. What does Daddy think is happening?
- 5. What does Jesse Wade think is happening?
- 6. What happens to Shorty?
- 7. What do they do with the camellias?
- 8. What does Daddy tell Tiger to do once the storm begins?
- 9. What does Tiger stop to do?
- 10. How does Abby Lynn react to the storm?

Chapter Nineteen, pages 186-192

- 1. Where is Momma when Tiger arrives home?
- 2. Why didn't Tiger pass Momma on the way home?
- 3. How strong are the storm's winds?
- 4. Where are the chicks during the storm?
- 5. What do Tiger, Momma, and Magnolia do once they're safe in the house?
- 6. Is Magnolia frightened?
- 7. Why does Momma go outside again?
- 8. What does Daddy do when he drives up?
- 9. Why are Tiger's heart and head clear?

Chapter Twenty, pages 193-200

- 1. What does Tiger's church do with its new piano fund?
- 2. Who does Aunt Dorie Kay bring to the Thompsons' party?
- 3. What does Daddy tell the reporter about predicting weather?
- 4. What two things did Momma make for the party?
- 5. How does Aunt Dorie Kay's relationship with her sister, Corrina, appear to be different?
- 6. Who plays in the baseball game?
- 7. What does Tiger do for Abby Lynn?
- 8. How does Tiger feel about her first kiss?

Humorous Happenings

Directions: Although *My Louisiana Sky* has sad and serious parts, there are many humorous parts, too. What humorous events do you recall from the story? If necessary, scan through the chapters to find examples of humor. List at least one funny event or conversation for each pair below. Include the page numbers for each for easy reference.



Pair	Page #	Funny circumstance or conversation
Tiger and Momma		
Tiger and Granny		
Tiger and Jesse Wade		
Tiger and Aunt Dorie Kay		
Tiger and Hazel		
Tiger and Pansy		

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