

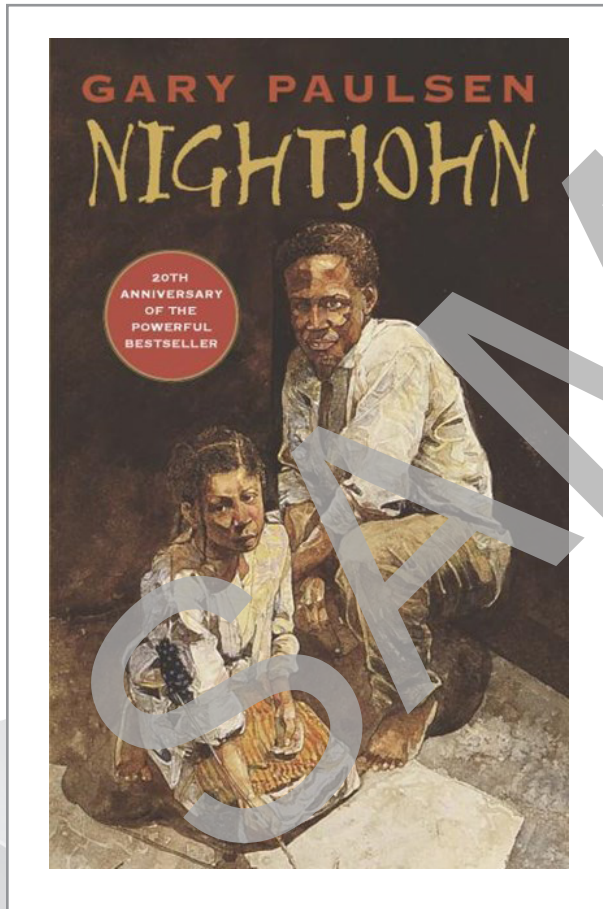


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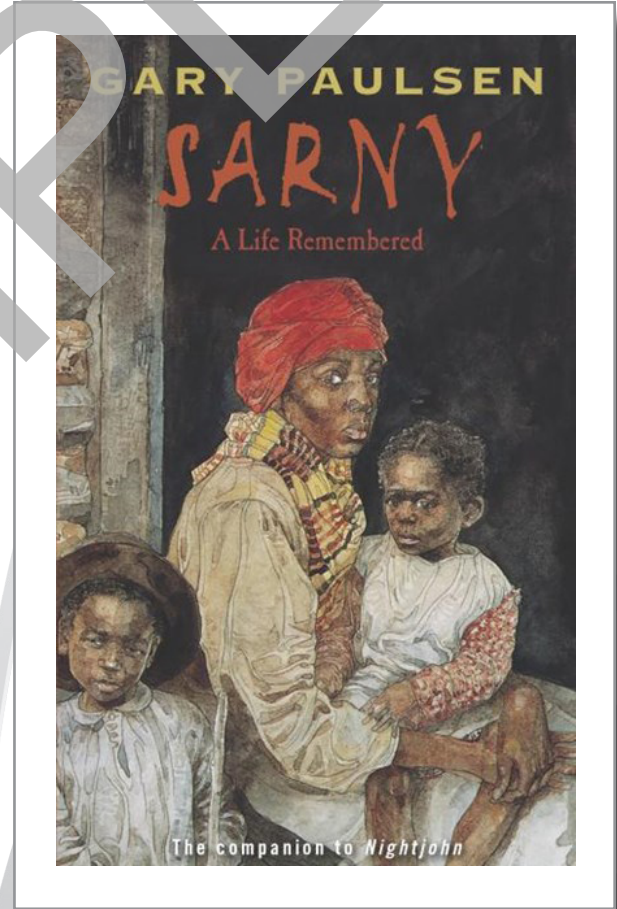
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Name _____

breeder (15)
tobacco (20)

quarters (17)
heave (20)

trough (18)
hands (21)

pallet (18)

Directions: Match each definition below to the correct word from the vocabulary list.

1. _____ long, narrow container that holds water or food for animals
2. _____ to vomit; throw up
3. _____ dried plant leaves used for smoking or chewing
4. _____ lodging; housing
5. _____ workers; laborers
6. _____ animal, plant, or person who produces offspring
7. _____ small, makeshift bed

SAMPLE

Name _____

Sarny: Chapters Fourteen–Fifteen, pp. 133–158

1. Why is Sarny saving her wages?
2. What does Sarny wish Old Delie could see her doing?
3. Whom does Sarny think is a good writer?
4. Why does Miss Laura fail at finding Lucy a husband?
5. Where do Sarny and Stanley go for their honeymoon?
6. How much time passes between Sarny being a slave and having a home of her own?
7. Why does Stanley suggest Sarny teach others to read?
8. How does Sarny teach others to read?
9. What happens to Sarny's Riverside School?
10. Why does Sarny want Stanley to run?

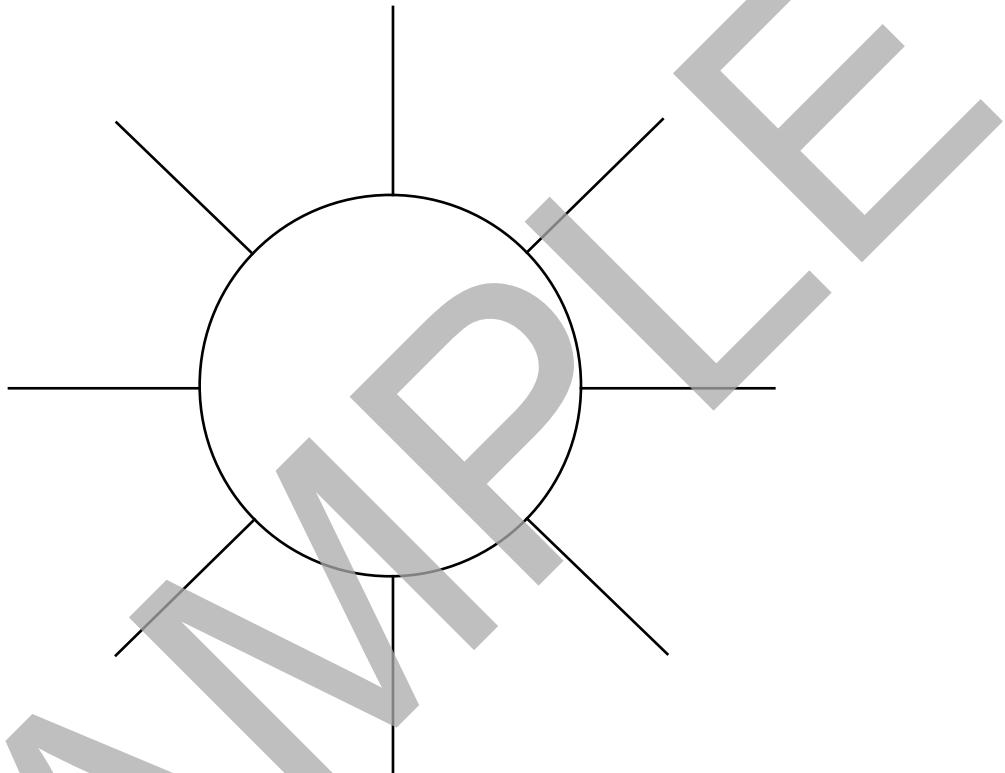
Sarny: Chapters Sixteen–Seventeen, pp. 159–178

1. Why are burial vaults in New Orleans above ground?
2. What does Miss Laura insist Sarny do after Stanley's death?
3. How does Miss Laura use her influence with the chief of police and the judges?
4. What does the doctor say is wrong with Miss Laura?
5. Why does Miss Laura choose Sarny, not Bartlett, to help with her final wishes?
6. What does Sarny ask the attorney when she learns the value of Miss Laura's estate?
7. What does Delie tell Sarny she needs to do? What does Tyler tell her?
8. Why does Sarny laugh when she sees a movie about the West?
9. How many schools does Sarny start?
10. What does Sarny do when she is old?

Name _____

Thematic Analysis

Directions: Choose a theme from the books to be the focus of your word web. Complete the web and then answer the question in each starred box.



★ What is the author's main message?

★ What did you learn from the books?