

Class of 2021 Summer Reading & Assignment



The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd



"The tale of one motherless daughter's discovery of what family really means - and the strange and wonderful places we find love." - The Washington Post



The attached 60 questions will be due to your English teacher on the first full day of classes. Please answer questions in complete sentences. The answers can be recorded on loose leaf paper or on your iPad in the Notability Application. You will be given a minor assessment homework grade for the correct answers. Each question will be worth .05 for a total of 30 possible points.



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You will also have a test on this book in your English class.



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Chapter 1

1. What is the setting (time and place) of the novel?
2. Describe Lily, the narrator.
3. Who is Rosaleen? When did Lily realize Rosaleen loved her?
4. Describe Lily's mother's death, as Lily remembers it.
5. What happens in Lily's room at night?
6. Why does Rosaleen get arrested?

Chapter 2

7. Describe Lily's escape plan for Rosaleen.
8. Why does Lily choose Tiburon as a destination?
9. Where do they spend the night?

Chapter 3

10. Who is on the picture Lily keeps with her and why is it unique?
11. What lie does Lily tell the man at the general store?
12. Why does Lily plan to visit August Boatwright's house?

Chapter 4

13. Name the Boatwright sisters.
14. What does August say Lily and Rosaleen's duties will be?
15. Describe the stone wall Lily finds.

Chapter 5

16. What does Lily hear June and August saying about her?
17. Why did Lily want August to love her?
18. What happened to April Boatwright?

Chapter 6

19. Why won't June marry Neil?
20. Summarize the story of Our Lady of Chains.
21. According to the chapter, what historical events were happening at the time?

Chapter 7

22. What does Zach want to become?
23. What do June and Neil fight about?
24. Why does Rosaleen move into May's room?
25. Why does Lily get nervous when August tells her about the book she is reading?
26. What does Zach give Lily and why?

Chapter 8

27. Who is the honey label picture based on?
28. Why did the sisters paint the house pink?
29. Who was Clayton Forrest?
30. Why did Lily call T. Ray and how did T. Ray respond?
31. What does Lily do in the middle of the night?

Chapter 9

32. Why was July 28th an unusual day?
33. What did they have to do to save the bees?
34. What is May doing in the kitchen that reminds Lily of her mother?
35. What does Lily find out about her mother from May?

Chapter 10

36. What lies does May tell the policeman?
37. Why do they drape the hives?
38. What does May's note say?

Chapter 11

39. What does August serve as a special dessert?
40. How do they prepare and celebrate August 15th?
41. What does Zach promise Lily?

Chapter 12

42. What does Lily confess to August?
43. What was Deborah like as a child?
44. When did Deborah come to South Carolina?
45. Why did Deborah and Terrence Ray get married?
46. What does August tell Lily that really upsets her?

Chapter 13

47. Who does Lily go see to try and feel better?
48. What did they do during the ceremony?
49. What do the Daughters do with the honey?
50. What does August bring Lily in the honey house?
51. What does Lily see that makes her start crying?
52. What is the last thing August hands to Lily?

Chapter 14

53. What does Lily find and carry in her pocket?
54. Why are June and August crying in the kitchen?
55. Lily says it seems like her and Zach were both doomed for misery. What is Zach's misery? What is Lily's?
56. What does August show Lily? Who shows up at the pink house?
57. Why does T. Ray call Lily "Deborah"?
58. What has happened to him?
59. What does Lily mean when she says she believes in the "goodness of imagination"?
60. List the things that now go on in Lily's normal life.