



FAQs Where the Red Fern Grows User Manual

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Short Answer Questions with Answer Keys
for
Where the Red Fern Grows
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Short Answer Questions

Chapter I

1. What time of the year was it when the man encountered the pack of dogs attacking the hound?
2. Just as he was thinking that the sanitation department would probably have to pick up a dead dog, what surprise did the man get?
3. How was the man able to make the attacking dogs scatter and leave?
4. What conditions told the man that the dog had come a long way?
5. Why did the man think it was probably a little boy who had put the dog's name on its collar?
6. How long did the hound stay with the man?
7. What drastic event(s) did the man think must have disrupted the hound's life and sent him on his solitary journey home?
8. What memories had the old hound stirred up in the man?
9. Why did the man leave the gate to his backyard open?
10. How far back was the story in the two cups on the man's mantel?

Chapter II

1. How old was Billy when he was infected with the dog wanting?
2. Where did Billy's family live and how did they come into possession of the land?
3. What did Papa say he would do with the seventy-five dollars it would cost to buy the dogs Billy wanted if he had that much money?
4. After Billy offered to accept one hound instead of two, what did Papa explain to him?
5. The first night Billy had the three steel traps, what fact indicates how happy he was to have them?
6. Describe how Mama helped free Samie from the trap the first time Billy caught
7. What drove Billy back home the night he decided to leave?
8. When did hunting season open?
9. What kept Billy awake during hunting season?
10. What was Papa's plan to help Billy feel better?

Answer Keys

Answer Keys Short Answer Questions

Chapter I

1. It was a beautiful spring day.
2. The cornered hound fought his way under the branches of a hedge and split open the ear of the big bird dog who went in to attack. Then the hound inflicted a huge shoulder wound on the next dog that tried his luck.
3. Yelling and scolding, he took off his coat and swung it at the attacking dogs.
4. The dog was dirty and starving. The story of his journey was in the pads of his paws, which were worn down slick.
5. The name "Buddie" had been scratched into the leather of the collar in crude, scribbly letters.

6. He spent approximately 24 hours with the man. The dog slept all night and most of the next day. Late in the afternoon, he grew restless, and the man let him go a little after sundown.
7. The man figured he might have been stolen. Or perhaps, he had been sold for some much-needed money. The hound was trying to straighten things out. He was going home to the master he loved.
8. The hound had stirred up memories of the man's boyhood days, an old K.C. Baking Powder can, and two little red hounds. There were memories of wonder, love, devotion, and death at its saddest.
9. The man left the gate open in case the dog came back.
10. Their story went back more than half a century.

Chapter II

1. Billy was ten years old.
2. Billy's family lived on Cherokee land in a valley far back in the Ozarks of northeastern Oklahoma. The land had been allotted to them because Billy's mother had Cherokee ancestry.
3. Papa said if they had that much money, he would buy another much-needed mule.
4. Papa explained that he wasn't getting a fair price for anything he raised, and he might have to quit farming and start cutting railroad ties if things didn't get better. He would give anything to get Billy the dogs, but he didn't see how he could do that right now.
5. Billy took the traps to bed with him that night.
6. Mama used the forked stick from under the clothesline to pin Samie to the ground. Billy put his foot on the trap spring and released the cat's foot.
7. The sound of a timber wolf's howl stopped his home-leaving.
8. Hunting season opened in the fall.
9. Billy stayed awake listening to the baying of a hound hunting with its master. Even on the nights when the coon hunter wasn't out, Billy couldn't sleep for fear that the hunter would come and he would miss hearing the hound.
10. Papa thought Billy wasn't feeling well because he had been cooped up all winter. The boy needed sunshine and exercise, and Papa planned to let him help in the fields when summer rolled around.

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