

Before-reading questions

- 1 *Example answer:* Many people felt tired and sad because they did not have jobs or homes.
- 2 Life was difficult for black people in America in the 1930s because they were not allowed to live in some towns and had to leave them before it became dark. If they did not leave, they might get hurt.
- 3 *Example answer:* People traveled to the west to try to find work.

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 His mother got sick and died.
- 2 He puts a pencil in Bud's nose.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 He does not want the bat to drink his blood.
- 2 The fish heads hurt Bud's hand.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 He keeps them in an old tobacco bag.
- 2 She tells him about the picture and his name.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Miss Hill lives in Chicago because she got married.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 Bugs is going somewhere out west on a train.
- 2 She seems like a nice person.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 He goes back to the library.
- 2 He plays a giant fiddle.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 Bud tries to drive it.
- 2 No, they are his grandchildren.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 They got a message about Bud in the morning.
- 2 Their names are Doug, Steady Eddie, and Roy.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 Bud thinks "gone" means dead.
- 2 It's nicer than Bud's suitcase, which is made of cardboard.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 It sounds like heavy rain on the ground.
- 2 Talking seems wrong with the wonderful sounds coming from the stage.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 He thinks that Bud stole the rocks from his house.
- 2 Bud does not want a father who is old and mean.

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 *Example answer:* She ran away from home and did not want to speak to Herman.
- 2 He is finally getting his mother back home.

After-reading questions

- 1 *Example answer:* The family helped Bud because they saw he was a young boy, like their own children.
- 2 *Example answer:* He says it because he does not want to scare Bud by telling him the truth.
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*
- 4 *Example answer:* Bud still does not like Herman, but he understands how he feels.

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 1 false 2 true 3 false 4 true 5 false 6 false

CHAPTERS TWO AND THREE

- 2 1 breath, e 2 imagine, d 3 vampire, f 4 pocket, a 5 revenge, c 6 tobacco, b

CHAPTER THREE

- 3 1 I **picked up** my suitcase to feel how heavy it **was**.
 2 If you **put** someone's hand in warm water, they **will wet** the bed.
 3 For a minute, it looked like Todd **was waking up**, but he didn't.
 4 When I **got** to the library, I almost **started** to cry.
 5 In the picture, Momma **was riding** a horse, and she **was wearing** a big hat.
 6 "When you **'re** / **are** older, I have a lot of things I **'ll explain** / **will explain** to you."

CHAPTER FOUR

- 4 1 Bud ran down the street to get to the **mission**.
 2 A man hit his **belt** on his hand and started walking toward Bud.
 3 Bud's **pretend** family helped him get food at the mission.
 4 "I'm surprised that they were brave enough to come here and tell the **truth**."
 5 Bud went to the front desk to speak to the **librarian**.
 6 Bud has many **rules**.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 5 1 Who jumps on Bud? **Bugs jumps on Bud.**
- 2 Where does Bugs want to go on the train? **Bugs wants to go somewhere out west.**
- 3 When is the train going to leave? **There is a train leaving tomorrow.**
- 4 Why do Bud and Bugs need to find Hooperville? **They need to go to Hooperville to get the train.**
- 5 How many pots are around the fire? **There are three big pots around the fire.**
- 6 What is a cardboard jungle? **It is a safe place to sleep and eat after you get off the train.**

CHAPTER SIX

- 6 1 Next, I **counted** the flyers again.
- 2 When I woke up, a man **was screaming**.
- 3 People **were jumping** on the train and trying to help others.
- 4 I **ran** as fast as I could.
- 5 “**Throw** me your bag!”
- 6 The man wanted to **give** Bud a sandwich.
- 7 Then, I **thought** of a great lie.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 7 1 e 2 c 3 b 4 d 5 a

CHAPTER EIGHT

- | 8 | Who spoke? | Who to? |
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| 1 “You can’t just walk in here and call me your daddy.” | Herman | Bud |
| 2 “I don’t have anyone in Flint.” | Bud | Mr. Jimmy |
| 3 “This is your problem.” | Herman | Mr. Jimmy |
| 4 “I like you, little man.” | Steady Eddie | Bud |
| 5 “My eyes aren’t crying any more.” | Bud | Steady Eddie |
| 6 “She’s our singer.” | Mr. Jimmy | Bud |

CHAPTER NINE

- 9 1 A lot of people were coming in and out of the house.
- 2 They were starting to make me nervous.
- 3 How could I sleep now?
- 4 The door was still shaking when it opened again.
- 5 We talked about you for a very long time last night.
- 6 We need you to help us when you can.

CHAPTER TEN

- 10 1 Bud was cleaning the floor **while** the band waited to start.
2 Herman was giving Bud a lot of chores to do **while** he stayed with them.
3 Bud was still doing his chores **when** the band suddenly started to play.
4 Roy was playing the piano **while** Steady Eddie played the saxophone.
5 Bud was watching the band play **when** Herman walked into the room.
6 The band were playing their instruments **while** Miss Thomas waited to sing.
7 Bud was listening to Miss Thomas sing **while** he cleaned.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 11 a 2 b 5 c 7 d 4 e 1 f 6 g 3

CHAPTER TWELVE

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| 12 1 Mr. Jimmy | 2 Herman | 3 Bud |
| 4 Miss Thomas | 5 Steady Eddie | 6 Bud |

Project work

Reader's own answers.