

## Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
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## During-reading questions

### CHAPTER ONE

- 1 She thinks that she can stay for years.
- 2 Because she does not know who he is.

### CHAPTER TWO

- 1 Because she may have one white parent and one black parent.
- 2 He steals a fishing lure.

### CHAPTER THREE

- 1 Because life is different for black people in cities.
- 2 He wants to have his own restaurant.

### CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 A train porter looks after people on a train.
- 2 She is from Russia.

### CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 Because there isn't any work for her in Alcolu.
- 2 "FOR WHITE PEOPLE" or "FOR BLACK PEOPLE."

### CHAPTER SIX

- 1 Because she is tired. She goes to sleep.
- 2 No, there is just a few white people in the crowd.

### CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 Because he wants to be busy so he will not feel alone without Ella.
- 2 They were looking for flowers.

### CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 She wants to go to New York.
- 2 Granny and Henry come to meet her at the station.

### CHAPTER NINE

- 1 Because Mr. Stinney has lost his job, and some people want to hurt his family.
- 2 She takes some business cards (from jazz clubs) from his office.

### CHAPTER TEN

- 1 Because she is worried that Myrna wants to do something dangerous.
- 2 Fred puts the letter round a rock and throws it through the window.

### CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 Because Mr. Parker does not treat her like most white people treat black people. Mr. Parker has always been nice to her.
- 2 They pull her into the creek and push her face under the water.

### CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 Because his daddy died, so he had to stay home to work at the store.
- 2 A group of people called the NAACP.

### CHAPTER THIRTEEN

- 1 She sends her a new record and a letter.
- 2 Henry cuts down the Christmas tree.

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## Exercises

### CHAPTER ONE

- 1 **1** What does Ella forget to wear?  
**She forgets to wear shoes.**
- 2 **2** Where does Ella find Henry?  
**She finds him at the creek.**
- 3 **3** Who does Ella live with?  
**She lives with Granny, Poppy, Henry, and Myrna.**
- 4 **4** Where is Ella going?  
**She is going to Boston.**
- 5 **5** Who sent Henry a letter?  
**Henry's daddy (father) sent him a letter.**
- 6 **6** How long has Henry's father been gone?  
**He has been gone for two years.**
- 7 **7** What does the white boy hit the back of?  
**He hits the back of Ella's hat.**

### CHAPTERS TWO AND THREE

- 2 **1** magazine                      **2** kite
- 3 caterpillar                      **4** mean
- 5 bush                              **6** zebra
- 7 lynch                              **8** fair

### CHAPTER FOUR

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

### CHAPTER FIVE

- 4 **1** J.P. was not my daddy!
- 2 "I'm not sorry, Mama."
- 3 Mama was not excited to do my hair.
- 4 We did not get sandwiches in Harvard Square.
- 5 "You can't drink from that fountain there."

### CHAPTER SIX

5	Who spoke?	Who to?
1 "I'm tired. I'm going to sleep."	Mama	Ella
2 "We'll go get the tree."	Helen	Ella
3 "It's beautiful. Did you make it?"	Ella	Helen
4 "What do you think?"	Mama	Ella
5 "Do you think you will stay awake until midnight?"	Helen	Ella
6 "Get your shoes on, girls!"	Mama	Ella and Helen

### CHAPTER SEVEN

- 6 **1** He started helping in the house some more.
- 2 George's brother Johnnie was walking with him.
- 3 George and Johnnie were carrying lamps.
- 4 Two girls were missing.
- 5 Poppy might want to help look for the girls.
- 6 Yes, he does.

### CHAPTER EIGHT

- 7 I looked through the window, and I saw Granny on the platform <sup>1</sup>**waiting** for me. As soon as the train stopped, I ran to her and <sup>2</sup>**hugged** her. She smelled like home. Phillip came to say hello to Granny and <sup>3</sup>**goodbye** to me. I smiled when Phillip walked away. I was happy that I did not have to see him <sup>4</sup>**any more**. Granny and I were walking <sup>5</sup>**toward** the truck when Henry jumped out in <sup>6</sup>**front** of me. "Henry!" I said. "You scared me!" Henry laughed. "You're a city girl now. City girls don't get scared so <sup>7</sup>**easily!**"

## CHAPTER NINE

- 8 1 Why did the white people think George killed the two girls?
- 2 Why were Ella and Myrna not allowed outside after it got dark any more?
- 3 Where did Henry and Poppy meet George's father?
- 4 Who did Ella get into a fight with (at school)?
- 5 When did Ella (finally) tell Henry about Boston?
- 6 What did Ella take from Mr. Parker's office?
- 7 What was Mr. Parker's full name?

## CHAPTER TEN

- 9 1 I **wrote** George a letter every day.
- 2 White people **were saying** horrible things about George.
- 3 "If George moves to a new prison, I **won't** be able to write to him."
- 4 "Let's do it. Let's **give** George a letter."
- 5 Ella suddenly turned round and **ran** off.
- 6 Fred **threw** his rock, too.
- 7 I hoped he **knew** that he was not alone.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 10 1 e      2 d      3 g      4 b
- 5 c      6      7 a

## CHAPTER TWELVE

- 11 1 Mr. Parker pulled Ella out of the water and put her in the truck.
- 2 Mr. Parker had a picture of his family in his truck.
- 3 Granny was not angry with Ella for running away.
- 4 Ella knew that Granny was telling the truth about her daddy.
- 5 Granny said that Ella was a good person.
- 6 George's friends and family were not allowed in the court.
- 7 Myrna was sadder than Ella after George died.

## CHAPTER THIRTEEN

- 12 1 Granny
- 2 Myrna
- 3 Mama
- 4 Henry
- 5 Mr. Parker
- 6 Helen
- 7 Ella

## Project work

*Reader's own answers.*