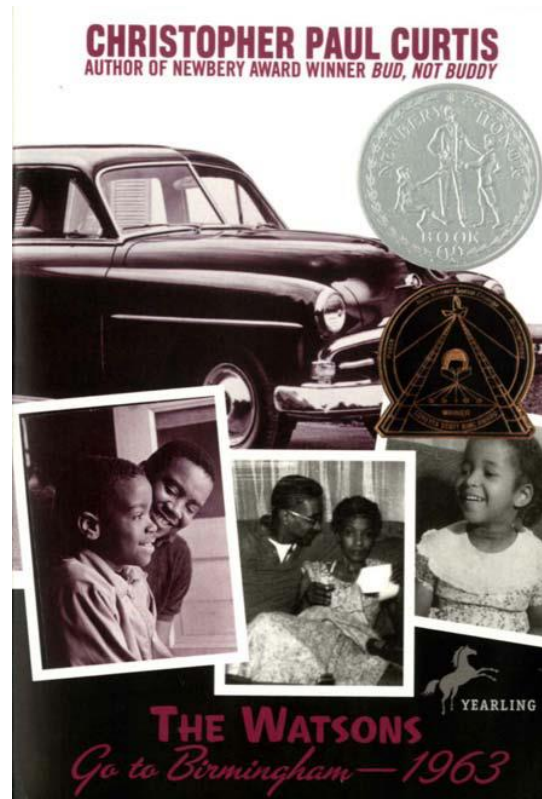


The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963

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Comprehension Questions: Chapter One

1. Why is the Watson family all huddled together on the chesterfield?
2. Who does Dad say was almost their daddy?
3. Whose warm house do they plan to go to for the night?
4. After Daddy gets the Brown Bomber started, what does he instruct Byron and Kenny to do?
5. While Byron is admiring himself in the rearview mirror, what happens?
6. Daddy laughs so hard at Byron's predicament, what does he say that no one can call him?
7. How does Mamma extract Byron from the mirror?
8. Kenny tells Joey that he has a nickname for Byron. What is it?

Comprehension Questions: Chapter Two

1. At Clarke Elementary, who is King of the kindergarten to fourth grade?
2. In which grade is Kenny?
3. What is Byron's status in the school?
4. Why does Mr. Alums have Kenny visit his fourth grade class?
5. When Kenny reads too quickly, what does Miss Henry do to slow him down?
6. Kenny has a problem in one eye. What is the medical term for this problem?
7. How does Kenny figure the new boy on the bus will save him?
8. How are the new boys dressed?

Comprehension Questions: Chapter Three

1. Mrs. Cordell seats the oldest new boy beside Kenny. What is his name?
2. Rufus hasn't brought any lunch to school. What does Kenny give him?
3. Rufus only eats half of the lunch that Kenny gives him. What does he do with the other half?
4. Why is Rufus so amazed when he sees the squirrel?
5. Kenny's playmate is LJ Jones. What is there about him that Kenny doesn't like?
6. Why do you suppose that LJ proposes the huge battle?
7. Rufus becomes disappointed and angry with Kenny. Why does he ignore Kenny?
8. Who is responsible for getting Kenny and Rufus together again?

Comprehension Questions: Chapter Four

1. Where was Mrs. Watson born?

2. During winter, how does Momma dress Joey and Kenny for school?
3. When Momma explains to Joey that the cold is dangerous and that people die in it all the time, what is Joey's question?
4. According to Byron, where do all the frozen people go?
5. How does Kenny share his gloves with Rufus?
6. Why do you suppose that Kenny and Rufus know for sure that Larry Dunn is wearing Kenny's gloves?
7. Who arrives to help Kenny?
8. Byron says that he is making a movie. What is the name of it?

Comprehension Questions: Chapter Five

1. Why is his mother reprimanding Byron?
2. How long before Byron is doing it again?
3. Why does Momma tell Joey to go to the kitchen to bring some matches?
4. Why does Joey deliberately keep putting herself between Momma and Byron?
5. Joey keeps blowing out the match. How many times in total does Momma try to burn Byron's fingers?
6. What lesson is Momma trying to teach?
7. When Momma finally gives up, who will have to deal with Byron?

Comprehension Questions: Chapter Six

1. Momma sends Byron and Kenny to the grocery store. What items does she want?
2. When Kenny orders the items from Mr. Mitchell, what does he discover?
3. How does Byron normally give the impression that he has carried the groceries all the way home?
4. What milk do the boys call welfare food?
5. A week later, behind Mitchell's store, what does Kenny discover?
6. How does Byron kill the mourning dove?
7. Why do you suppose Byron becomes sick and vomits?
8. What does Byron do with the dead bird?

Comprehension Questions: Chapter Seven

1. Why is Byron trying to sneak in the back door without being seen?
2. What color is Byron's hair now?
3. Why does Joetta want to take Byron to the bathroom before Daddy gets home?
4. After taking verbal abuse from Momma, Kenny and Joey, what happens when Daddy gets home?
5. After Daddy is finished with Byron, what chore does he give him?
6. When Kenny and Joey venture into the house again, with whom is Daddy talking on the phone?

Comprehension Questions: Chapter Eight

1. Kenny, Joey and Rufus help Daddy to clean and polish the car. What have they named it?
2. Daddy has another bag in the trunk. What is in it?
3. According to Kenny, why did Blackie growl at someone in his own family?
4. When Daddy comes home, he shuts off the TV. Why?
5. What has Daddy installed in the car?
6. A new system has been invented to overcome the vibration problem. What is it called?
7. Why do you suppose Momma and Daddy are making the trip to Alabama?
8. Riding the bus, how long would it take to get from Flint, Michigan to Alabama?

Comprehension Questions: Chapter Nine

1. To scare Byron, Kenny suggests that his dad need only drive to Ohio and drop him off. Why?
2. Why do Momma and Daddy want to leave Byron for a while with Grandma Sands?
3. Kenny has three questions for his dad. What is the third?
4. Mrs. Davidson bought a little angel for a gift for Joey. Why doesn't Joey like it?
5. Why do Momma and Daddy have Byron sleep with them?
6. How far will they drive the first day?
7. On their way to Alabama, how does Byron plan to treat his family?
8. Why does Kenny feel pretty good all the way to Birmingham?

Comprehension Questions: Chapter Ten

1. On the subject of outhouses, what is Grandma Sands' opinion?
2. What does Kenny mean by Joey's leaking head?
3. When they arrive at Cincinnati, what decision does Daddy make?
4. When Daddy stops next time, where are they?
5. Kenny asks Byron to define redneck. What is his response?
6. When Daddy tells them to stick their hands out the window to feel the air, what does he say that it feels like?

Comprehension Questions: Chapter Eleven

1. When Kenny asks his dad are we there yet? his dad answers et tu Brute. What do you suppose this means?
2. The Ultra Glide experiences problems while Daddy is listening to the radio. What type of music is playing?
3. In Momma's real southern accent, what does she announce?
4. The first time that Kenny sees Grandma Sands, how does he describe

her?

5. According to Kenny, how short is Grandma Sands?
6. Grandma says Byron can help with the things that someone else used to do. Who?
7. According to Byron, how old is Grandma?

Comprehension Questions: Chapter Twelve

1. What does Mr. Robert call his dog?
2. Toddy is a special breed. What type is he?
3. How did Toddy almost drown?
4. How did Mr. Robert save Toddy?
5. During the first morning at Grandma Sands, what does Kenny have for breakfast?
6. For how long has Grandpa Sands been dead?
7. Why is Mr. Robert taking Daddy, Byron, Joey and Kenny to the lake?

Comprehension Questions: Chapter Thirteen

1. At Colliers' Landing, in what did little Jimmy Thomas get caught?
2. While Joey and Byron head for the swimming area, where does Kenny go?
3. Because Grandma Sands only told them about one drowning, why does Kenny think Mr. Collier put up a sign that states there have been six drowning deaths?
4. When Kenny decides to wade in the water, what is his second warning?
5. Why does Kenny reach and step into deeper water?
6. While Kenny is in trouble in the water, why does he wish for a genie?
7. How does Kenny finally get out of the lake?

Comprehension Questions: Chapter Fourteen

1. How does Kenny know that it's Sunday?
2. What prevents Kenny from falling asleep under the tree?
3. Byron said that someone came by to report the cause of the noise. What was the noise?
4. When Kenny tries to pull out the shiny black shoe, who does he think is pulling it back?
5. Joey comes to sit by Kenny on his bed. Why does he think that the wool pooh has brought her home?
6. Why does Joey think Kenny is acting so weird?
7. Why doesn't Grandma Sands know where Daddy, Momma and Byron have gone?

Comprehension Questions: Chapter Fifteen

1. Where is the World-Famous Watson Pet Hospital located?
2. Who reported seeing Kenny in the church after the explosion?

3. When had Kenny ever known Byron to be a snitch?
4. Why does Byron take Kenny to the bathroom to show him his face in the mirror?
5. Why does Kenny tell Byron that he is ashamed of himself?
6. How does Byron assure Kenny that he is going to be okay?