

- a fellow should be kissed"? (p. 122)
- * Billy was desperate when it looked as if he couldn't save Little Ann. He "promised all the things that a young boy could if only He would help me." What sorts of promises do you think he made? Have you ever felt a desperation like Billy's?
- * Do you think the day will come when a raccoon does fool the dogs?

Chapter 12:

1. What is most people's opinion of the Pritchard family?
2. How does Rubin annoy Grandpa with the chewing tobacco?
- ③ Why does Grandpa tell Rubin and Rainie they have to leave the store? What do you suppose he suspects?
- ④ What bet does Rainie make with Billy? Why does Billy take him up on the bet? Would you?
5. What does Grandpa think of the bet? Why doesn't he stop Billy?
 - * Have you ever accepted a bet or a dare? Why or why not?
 - * Do you think Billy will win the bet?

Chapter 13:

- ① Why doesn't Billy kill the "ghost coon" when he has killed so many others?
- 2 Who is "Old Blue" and what happens to him?
- ③ What happens when it comes time for Rubin to "pay up" after Billy's dogs tree the raccoon? Do you agree with Rubin that Billy hasn't played fair?
4. Why does Rubin grab Billy's axe? What would you do if you were Billy?
- ⑤ What happens to Rubin?
6. How do Billy's parents react when he tells them about Rubin?
7. How does Billy feel during the days following Rubin's death? What does he finally do that makes him feel better?
- ⑥ * Do you think Billy is to blame for Rubin's death? Is his death the raccoon's fault? Is it Grandpa's fault?
 - * Do you think Billy will have any more trouble with the Pritchards?

Chapter 14:

1. What does Billy mean when he tells the dogs that he is going to "wear them out"? (p. 154) Why is he angry with them?
- ② Why does Grandpa want to talk to Billy? (p. 157)
- ③ Billy has been so involved in hunting that he hasn't noticed anything unusual