

- about his mother. What hasn't he noticed?
4. How does Billy spend the few days before the contest? What does this show about the kind of person he is?
 5. How does Billy feel about seeing his ax in Grandpa's wagon?
 - ⑥ Who agrees to go to the hunt with Billy and Grandpa? Why is he reluctant to go, at first? Who convinces him to go?
 7. What does Grandpa hide from Grandma? Why?
 8. What is Grandma like? Is your grandmother anything like her?
 - * Have you ever taken part in a pet show or other contest? How did you feel as you prepared for it?
 - * Do you think Billy's dogs will do well in the contest?

Chapter 15:

1. What special treatment does Grandpa give the dogs? Why don't they walk? What do they get to eat?
2. What special treatment does Billy get when they stop to eat dinner?
- ③ What does Billy hear as he tries to sleep? How can you tell that he is somewhat superstitious? Are his father and grandfather?
4. How do Billy's dogs contrast with the dogs he first sees at the camp?
5. Into what contest does Billy enter Little Ann? How does he prepare her? What is the outcome?
6. What are the rules of the hunt? What equipment is each hunter allowed?
- ⑦ Who decides where Billy's dogs will hunt on their assigned night? How is that decision reached?
- ⑧ When Grandpa prepares to shave, why does Billy run out of the tent and lie down with his dogs?
 - * Have you ever seen pets share their food the way the dogs in the story do?
 - * Do you remember the first time your parents let you do something "grown-up"—like taste coffee?
 - * Have any of your relatives ever stretched the truth while bragging about you—the way Grandpa does?
 - * How many raccoons do you think Billy's dogs will tree when it is their turn?

Chapter 16:

1. Why do hunters "whoop" to their dogs?
2. What causes the "loud roar" (p. 185) that drowns out the voices of Billy's dogs?
- ③ The judge tells Billy that he's "never seen anything like that" (p. 189) in his forty