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WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS
Chapter 11– Book Notes and Reading Questions

PART 1. Novel tracking. Finish reading the chapter. Take the following notes in CURRENT UNIT.

CHAPTER 11:

Vocabulary: Copy these words and their definitions into VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR.

predicament	cease	trough
rile	eddy	stomp

Book Notes:

- Chapter Summary Notes

PART II. Active Reading. Respond to the following questions in complete sentences using only the information from these pages. Remember to “Steal” the key words of the question, and then “Spit” them into your answer.

Describe the overall mood at the beginning of the chapter.

Locate one example of figurative language or strong imagery. Copy the quote and then explain it!

Quotation:

Explanation:

Page # _____

If it is figurative language, what kind is it? _____

If it is strong imagery, which of the five senses does it appeal to? _____

What do you predict will happen in the rest of the chapter? Explain why you predict this.

Draw a sketch of the predicament Little Ann was in (you can use pencil for this one).

Circle the event that did not happen while Little Ann was hanging onto the ice for dear life.

- A. A boat came down river just in time to help Billy rescue Little Ann.
- B. Billy waded in until his head was nearly under the icy water.
- C. Billy hit old Dan with the pole.
- D. Billy's lantern handle mysteriously fell over with nothing touching it.

Create a title that captures the main idea of this chapter.

Explain why you chose that title:

Circle the best answer.

Papa said to Billy, "*Be careful. There'll be no moon tonight and you're going to see some fog next to the river.*"

This is an example of which literary device?

- A. irony

- B. foreshadowing
- C. foil
- D. symbol

The author’s main purpose for this chapter was to...

- A. Show the bond of love and devotion between Billy and his dogs.
- B. Show Old Dan’s strength and Little Ann’s weakness.
- C. Illustrate the dangers of hunting in the Ozark Mountains.
- D. Demonstrate his talents in descriptive language.

The overall tone, or feeling, for this chapter is best described as...

- A. relaxation and pleasure
- B. adventure and excitement
- C. anger and bitterness
- D. nervousness and gratefulness

How would you describe Billy based on this chapter? Use examples from the text.

PERSONIFICATION – Personification is a type of figurative language. Human qualities are given to non-human things. Underline 3 places in the passage where personification is used:
The wind itself seemed to be angry at the tree’s stubborn resistance. It growled and moaned as it pushed harder against the wavering top.

Describe how the author’s use of personification makes for a more interesting description:

CHARACTERS’ POINT OF VIEW – Billy tells Papa: ***“It wasn’t just the wind ...it was the way it blew. It didn’t touch another tree in the bottoms. The big tree was the only one touched by the wind.”*** How does Billy’s point of view about the tree falling differ from his father’s?
