

Answer the following questions in full and complete sentences. Provide examples from the novel where necessary to show your understanding of the novel. Answers should be written on separate lined paper.

CHAPTER 1

1. What details has the author included to clearly show that the setting of the story is a small town?
2. The character of Sam Wood is developed in several instances of the chapter. Discuss how Sam's character quickly develops by explaining each of the following character traits:
 - a. His opinion of his job
 - b. The reference to the killing of the dog
 - c. The Delores Purdy incident
 - d. The Conversation with the night man at the restaurant
 - e. Sam's ability to cope with a crisis
3. How is the racial issue – a main theme of the novel – clearly introduced in Chapter 1?
4. Which two neighborhoods/districts of the town are mentioned in this chapter and what might this indicate to the reader?

CHAPTER 2

1. Describe in detail the character of Chief Bill Gillespie. Use references from the chapter to support your claims.
2. Describe the encounter between Sam and Virgil. What characteristics of each stand out during this instance? What are your thoughts on these two characters?
3. What effect has the final statement of the chapter? How does this change things?