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English 12

Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool

Daily reading assignment is to read for thirty minutes or 20 pages, stopping at the chapter break nearest to the twentieth page. The following questions are mostly for guided reading to allow students to follow the most important parts of the novel in a logical fashion. Most questions are for mental direction only. Several questions are to be written out for grading, marked * Written Assignment .* The written answers must conform to standard English format. Points will be taken away for using YOU, not capitalizing "I," not capitalizing personal names, using contractions, improper punctuations, and for misspellings. Written answers may be posted to Mr. Nease's e-mail address: rnease@k12.wv.us or with a written hard (paper) copy delivered to PPJSHS by means of bus delivery or personal delivery. When we return to the classroom, all of these questions will be asked in an oral question and answer manner.

Begin first reading:

Notice and read carefully to remember the characters on pages vii & viii.

***Written Assignment *** (Determine on page 1.) Is this novel written as a first person narration or as a third person narration? How do you know? Answer these questions with complete sentences.

Comments, questions for thought and guided reading:

Name the father.

Name the narrator.

Is there a real town in the Southeast corner of Kansas named Manifest? Search for the answer on pages 343 & 344.

What did the main character have from Manifest dated 1917, that gave her some knowledge about the town?

What was her most prized possession, that her father had given to her?

What was written on that possession? p. 2

Definition - wrought - past tense for wright (someone who makes things) - twisted, formed or made by the efforts of an ironwright.

Perdition - p.9 - place of ruin or place of ruined souls

Whom did she meet and what did he return to her?

Time/Setting 1936, the Great Depression - 15,000,000 men were unable to find employment, one of every four men in the United States.

Who was Hattie Mae?

Consider well the first descriptions of Shady and Hattie Mae. Physically, how should each be remembered and described? Emotionally, how would you describe each. Notice, p. 14, Hattie Mae's description. Do you imagine that you also know someone that hugs and greets by saying, "aren't you a darling," . . . "you look just like your (father/mother)"?

Hattie Mae started that news column when she graduated from high school in 1917. The year for Abilene was 1936. How old would that make Hattie Mae in 1936?

p. 17 Foreshadowing - "Hattie Mae & Shady glance at each other king of uneasy" when Abilene mentioned her daddy. Is Gideon coming back for her?

p. 17 sciatica - sciatic nerve pain across hip and thigh

p. 18 discombobulated - messed up Is your author/narrator telling this story in the vernacular? common language, slang

***Written Assignment *** Describe Shady's home. Write your description in complete sentences to form a paragraph of at least 5 sentences.

p. 21 What did Abilene find?

Begin second reading: p. 23 addlepate - addle-mixed up pate-forehead or head

Soletta Taylor = Lettie Ruthanne McIntyre school girls, classmates, cousins

Diving Parlor? Fortune telling or explaining the otherwise obvious

den of iniquity place of abomination

"It's not down in any map. True places never are" is a quote from what novel?

What assignment becomes Abilene's school work for the summer?

"Acts of charity and kindness are also taken into consideration in one's overall grade."

p. 33 conglomeration - collection

What were the contents of the Lucky Bill cigar box?

Jinx? Ned Gillen? Identify these two. Keep careful notes throughout their adventures.

Abilene was afraid and too proud to accept the kindness of Lettie & Ruthanne. How did they make it up and become friends? pp. 39 & 40

Two ways to pronounce "Arkansas"

"You ever seen a spy map?"

"The Shadow" - Sunday night radio broadcast

Begin third reading: p. 41 What did Ruthanne, Lettie, & Abilene do together?

p. 44 traipsing - walking, wandering

p. 45 Whom did they see doing something strange?

colander - strainer

Knickers - knee length pants - baseball pants showing stockings Red Sox, White Sox, Cincinnati Redstockings

p. 46 Dust Bowl - severe drought that caused grave problems to farmers in MidWestern United States

Where did the 3 girls find the "Leave Well Enough Alone" note?

p. 49 Where did Abilene find her compass?
What did she break as she tried to retrieve her compass?

p. 51 puny - feeling sickly an Oklahoma-Kansas vernacular usage

p. 53 What was a "Speakeasy"?

p. 56 How did Miss Sadie react when she read the old letter?

Begin fourth reading: p. 59 First Flashback 10/06/1917 What did Ned hold?
How old was Jinx? What did they trade?

p. 61 Why was Jinx running away?

p. 62 What were both boys missing?

p. 63 What was going on nearby?

* Written Assignment * Describe how the boys got revenge on the K.K.K., in a complete paragraph of NO LESS than 50 words. Be sure to describe what Ned & Jinx wore and what was used as a replacement for their *all important* revenge.

p. 70 What do "diviners" do?

p. 72 What did Abilene notice that Miss Sadie had mentioned in her diviners' story?

Begin fifth reading: pp. 81-82 "Hattie Mae's News Auxiliary" provided proof that the story Miss Sadie had told really happened as well as humorous hints that Hattie Mae too knew what had happened.

pp. 86 & 87 character notes on Jinx, Shady, & Ned

p. 87 "People need work and the mines need workers. It sounds like a good match, but most do not realize the mines will consume them."

p. 94 How were the men working in the coal mine paid?

How did Jinx help Ned win the silver dollar? ^{2nd} cigar box memento
What did Jinx plan to make and sell as a money making scheme?

Begin sixth reading: p. 103 Notice, so far in this novel, none of the main characters has been mean, vicious, greedy, evil, or even nasty.

* Written Assignment * Since p. 41, the girls have been looking for evidence of a World War I spy that lived in Manifest. What name was given to that spy? Answer in a complete sentence.

How did Abilene get written information about what had happened in 1917?

p. 107 Why was Sister Redempta at Billy Clayton's house?

p. 112 manifest - verb definition?

* Written Assignment * p. 120 Why was the Hungarian woman's quilt square refused by Eudora Larkin? Answer in 2 complete sentences or more.

Begin seventh reading: p. 121 Study well Jinx's flashback that explains why he was running when he came to Manifest.

Who was Finn?

P. 125 What was Finn's past crime?

p. 129 What did Ned do with his \$ 25.00?

p. 131 Why did Shady allow Jinx to outbid him for the Victory Quilt?

p. 132 What was the chemistry teacher making & selling?

Begin eighth reading: p. 135

* Written Assignment * Explain why Shady allowed Jinx to outbid him for the Victory Quilt. What lesson was Shady teaching Jinx? Answer both questions with complete sentences, proper capitalizations, spellings, and punctuation.

pp. 139-140 Notice how hard life was when so many people did not have what we take for granted. Notice Lettie's proud attempt to provide snacks for the others and her kindness in thinking of others.

What were the 3 girls doing that night?

p. 148 What was going on at Camp Funston, Kansas Army boot camp? See also p. 344.

Begin ninth reading: p. 156 Coal miners were commonly made to sign contracts that forbid them from joining a labor union or striking as a requirement for employment. Those documents were often called "yellow dog" contracts. Of course, they were hated by the miners.

How were the miners organized into groups or shifts?

For whom had Sheriff Dean been looking?

What was Shady supposed to give to Sheriff Dean so that Sheriff Dean would look the other way and allow Shady to continue to make his illegal moonshine?

What idea did Jinx have to help Shady out of his predicament with Sheriff Dean?

Where did the K.K.K. burn a cross -- to stop coal miners from organizing?

Who drank too much of Velma T's elixir?

Begin tenth reading: p. 176 Around Manifest, what parcel of land was suddenly the most desired in 1918?

p. 187 How could the town of Manifest legally purchase that land?

How much was owed for the back taxes?

Who were Burton and Devlin?

Why were those two men supposed to be excluded from the special meeting?

Tiny painted doll momento in cigar box

Spanish Influenza -- pandemic see p. 344

puny - feeling ill

Begin eleventh reading: p. 198 What was Pvt. Ned Gillen's assignment during World War I?

* Written Assignment * Read carefully the bottom of p. 202 and the top of p. 203. What likelihood do you see for that possibility? Give your evidence and thoughts in a paragraph of NO LESS than 5 complete sentences and 100 words. Provide several examples, proofs, of your idea. You must include NO LESS than 3 examples. State your thesis or main idea in the first sentence. Then provide your proofs in 3 or more examples. Finally, re-state your original opinion in the final sentence.

p. 214 Who decided to leave town because of the Spanish Influenza?

What officially happened to Manifest, as a town?

ruse - dishonest maneuver intended to fool another

What ruse had the people of Manifest pulled off to fool Devlin, Burton, and Sheriff Dean? Dramatic irony

How were the townspeople of Manifest planning to make enough money, \$1000.00, to buy the piece of property formerly owned by the Widow Cane?

Who was in charge of the process?

Where were they creating their product for sale to make the \$1000?

Situational irony

Begin twelfth reading: p. 225 What did the girls do to find Stucky Cybulskis' "Ode to the Rattler"?

Where did they find the "Ode"?

Who came to the Sunday night church service at a surprise guest?

Begin thirteenth reading: p. 248

p. 250 "What could be more dangerous than a fake quarantine and a town-sponsored bootlegging operation?" Hope

p. 254 Who was Sheriff Dean trying to find?

Who was Sheriff Dean's brother-in-law?

p. 259 How did Shady, Jinx, and Donal MacGregor get rid of questions by a nosy Mr. Burton?

p. 261 How did Shady & Jinx make use of the hole that they had dug?

p. 267 The 3 girls want to identify the writer of the note "Leave Well Enough Alone."

pp. 268-270 How were they going to do that?

Begin fourteenth reading: p. 271 "Day of Reckoning" How much money had been raised to buy Widow Cane's land?

How much more did they need?

After Lester Burton threatened the folks in Shady's bar, who came into the bar?

What did he ask about?

What piece of land did Lester Burton buy?

With most of the back taxes then paid by Mr. Burton, the township of Manifest was able to buy the rest of Widow Cane's land.

Written Assignment pp. 287-289 How did Mrs. Eudora Larkin and her government employed nephew fool Lester Burton and get the best of Arthur Devlin? Answer the question in complete sentences, forming at least 2 paragraphs, one for Eudora and one for her nephew.

Begin fifteenth reading: p. 291 What was negotiated in favor of the mine workers and Township of Manifest?

After reading to the bottom of p. 294 -- turn back to page 2, what was written on the compass?

What had Shady been doing night after night along the train tracks outside Manifest?

Written Assignment Make a list of at least 5 activities (things) that Shady did in the story of this novel that show him to be a varied and interesting character. Write your list of at least 5 characteristics or activities that describe Shady into at least 5 complete sentences.

p. 302 Who wrote the note "Leave Well Enough Alone"?

p. 313 "There was a faint rattling sound. The figure moved in an eerie, flowing way as it drove them back toward the clearing."

What happened to Jinx?

Begin sixteenth reading: "The line between truth and myth is sometimes difficult to see." p. 315

p. 316 What name was on the tombstone?

Who was dead and in the coffin?

What was missing from the deceased person's body?

Why did Sheriff Dean allow Jinx to be left alone?

What happened at St. Dizier on October 8?

What was the last remaining item in the Lucky Bill cigar box?

What did it open?

Who was the Diviner?

Who traveled on the Orphan Train?

How did Miss Sadie get his grade cards and drawings?

Written Assignment Make a list of at least 5 activities (things) that Miss Sadie did in the story of this novel that show her to be a varied and interesting character. Write your list of at least 5 characteristics or activities that describe Miss Sadie into at least 5 complete sentences.

What book had been read by both Ned and Gideon?

***Written Assignment *** How did Abilene get her father's attention and his presence?
Write your answer in complete sentences.

***Written Assignment *** p. 341 Who was the Rattler? Write your answer in a complete sentence. (It's a universal.)