

ENGLISH IIIB

Souder Comprehension Questions

Chapters 1-2

1. In which month does the story begin?
 - a. December
 - b. October
 - c. November
 - d. February
2. Who is Souder?
 - a. a man
 - b. a raccoon
 - c. a boy
 - d. a dog
3. How many miles was the walk to school?
 - a. four
 - b. seven
 - c. eight
 - d. sixteen
4. Souder was a mixture of which two breeds?
 - a. A Georgia Redbone hound and a Pit bulldog.
 - b. A Georgia Bulldog and a Redbone hound.
 - c. A Georgia Redbone hound and a Bulldog.
 - d. A Georgia Bluebone hound and a Bulldog.
5. What did the children eat for dinner?
 - a. corn mush
 - b. cornmeal
 - c. cornuts
 - d. corn dogs
6. What did the mother sell at the store for fifteen cents?
 - a. pecan kernels
 - b. walnut kernels
 - c. corn kernels
 - d. almond kernels
7. What special treats were cooking on the stove?
 - a. pork sausage
 - b. bacon
 - c. ham bone and opossum
 - d. pork sausage and ham bone
8. When the mother is worried she would:
 - a. cook
 - b. sing
 - c. hum
 - d. cry
9. What did the boy put in Souder's pan?
 - a. sausage
 - b. ham boiling
 - c. ham
 - d. Purina

10. The boy wished his parents could:
- a. write
 - b. smile
 - c. laugh
 - d. read
11. What was at the edge of the porch?
- a. two men
 - b. three women
 - c. three white men
 - d. three white women
12. What was the boy's father accused of being?
- a. a thief
 - b. a cheater
 - c. a liar
 - d. a prince
13. Who was chained up?
- a. the children
 - b. the boy
 - c. Sounder
 - d. the father
14. What did Sounder do when his master was arrested?
- a. nothing
 - b. whined
 - c. howled
 - d. chased the wagon
15. Who was shot?
- a. the boy
 - b. Lazarus
 - c. Moses
 - d. the sheriff
16. The boy thought Sounder might rise from the dead, like
- a. Jesus
 - b. Lazarus
 - c. Moses
 - d. Joseph
17. Where did Sounder go after he was injured?
- a. under the barn
 - b. under the cabin
 - c. to the woods
 - d. to the fields
18. What did the boy consider putting under his pillow?
- a. Sounder's ear
 - b. Sounder's hair
 - c. a good luck charm
 - d. Sounder's collar
19. Where did the boy plan to bury Sounder?
- a. under the house
 - b. under the porch
 - c. under the Walnut tree
 - d. under the Big Jack Oak tree

Chapters 3-4

20. What did everyone eat in the morning?
- a. ham
 - b. corn mush
 - c. pork sausages and milk gravy
 - d. biscuits and milk gravy

21. The mother said she was going to the _____.
- jail
 - store
 - courthouse
 - mill
22. The boy thought people would be _____ to his mother.
- nice
 - good
 - helpful
 - mean
23. About twice a year the boy's mother washed a lot of _____.
- sheets
 - curtains
 - pillowcases
 - clothes
24. What looks both ways?
- the door
 - the mirror
 - the window
 - the curtains
25. Where did the boy search for Sounder?
- under the barn
 - in the woods
 - in the smokehouse
 - under the cabin
26. The dry dust got in the boy's mouth and tasted like _____ and _____.
- lime and grease
 - ham and grease
 - pork and beans
 - lemon and grease
27. What are dry-land moccasins and copperheads?
- spiders
 - snakes
 - worms
 - crockery
28. The boy rubbed his eyes with dirty hands and mixed _____ with tears?
- dirt
 - mud
 - dust
 - sadness

29. There was no sign of Sounder's _____.
- ear
 - pan
 - collar
 - body
30. The boy finally saw a _____ moving on the road.
- wagon
 - speck
 - person
 - spot
31. What did the mother do with the pork sausage and ham?
- She fed it to the children
 - She sold it at the store.
 - She buried it under the porch.
 - She gave it back.
32. _____ leaves have strong acid that toughens skin
- Maple
 - Sycamore
 - Tea
 - Oak
33. The boy asked his mother to tell him the story of _____ in the jail.
- Joseph
 - Meshach
 - Shadrach
 - Abed-nego
34. Why did the mother bring home vanilla flavoring?
- to bake cookies
 - to bake bread
 - to bake cakes
 - to make ice cream
35. What did the boy take to his father?
- a letter
 - a cake
 - bread
 - a box
36. Why didn't the mother go to jail?
- She did not want to leave the children along?
 - The jail was too far away
 - They would not let women in the jail.
 - She could not stand to see the father in jail.

37. The boy _____ the man with the red face.
- liked
 - hated
 - disliked
 - approved
38. What did the father call the boy?
- Child
 - Baby
 - Son
 - Sonny
39. The father said, "Tell her not to _____."
- cry
 - leave
 - talk
 - grieve

Chapters 5-6

40. The boy felt numb and _____ as he was leaving the courthouse.
- angry
 - tired
 - sad
 - uneasy
41. What did the boy see in the windows of the big houses?
- beautiful curtains
 - people
 - Christmas trees
 - silver tea sets
42. The boy told his mother that the jailer was _____.
- cruel
 - terrible
 - mean
 - rude
43. What did the boy do after he talked to his mother about his trip
- He ate dinner.
 - He fainted.
 - He cried.
 - He looked for Sounder.
44. The boy dreamed his father's hands were _____ against the prison bars.
- chained
 - shackled
 - tied
 - held

45. Who came to the front door the next morning?
- the sheriff
 - Souder
 - the father
 - the preacher
46. How long had the dog been gone?
- two months
 - sixty-one days
 - almost two months
 - over two months
47. When Souder returned home he could not _____.
- walk
 - growl
 - see
 - bark
48. The town and the jail seemed to become more _____.
- remote
 - alien
 - isolated
 - close
49. How did the family learn the father had been sentenced to hard labor?
- a letter
 - the court news
 - from the preacher
 - from the sheriff
50. Where did the boy go in the spring?
- to school
 - to the store
 - to the jail
 - to the fields
51. The boy was afraid and _____.
- lonely
 - alone
 - winter
 - sad
52. Where did the boy want to go?
- to town
 - to school
 - to the jail
 - to the fields to work

53. The boy usually searched for this father in _____.
- spring
 - autumn
 - winter
 - summer
54. The boy was told his father had been moved to the bean farm in _____.
- Gilmer County
 - Kern County
 - Bartow County
 - Barton County
55. The boy would watch men dragging chains on their _____.
- bodies
 - arms
 - legs
 - feet
56. What wonderful things did the boy find in the trash barrels?
- books
 - comic books
 - newspapers and magazines
 - apples and oranges
57. What stories did the boy like best of all?
- true stories
 - King Joseph stories
 - fiction stories
 - David and Joseph stories
58. In what country was Joseph considered a big man:
- Israel
 - Egypt
 - Syria
 - Ethiopia
59. The boy listened to the _____.
- stories
 - rain
 - music
 - wind

Chapters 7-8

60. Who would meet the boy far down the road when he returned from his trips?
- his mother
 - Souder
 - the children
 - Joseph

61. The boy believed he would know his father easily by his _____.
- appearance
 - height
 - posture
 - walk
62. The piece of iron crushed the boy's _____ against the fence.
- arm
 - hand
 - fingers
 - wrist
63. What did the boy find in the trash barrel?
- magazine
 - a newspaper
 - a book
 - a bible
64. What were the dogs chasing around the schoolyard?
- a pig
 - a raccoon
 - a chicken
 - a boy
65. What color was the man's hair?
- coal black
 - sandy blonde
 - sky-blue
 - snow white
66. Who or what was the teacher talking to when they arrived at the cabin?
- the boy
 - a tree
 - a plant
 - a pig
67. "Lots of old folks is conjured or _____."
- crazy
 - addled
 - stupid
 - feeble
68. What was the name of the author of the book that the boy found?
- Shakespeare
 - Twain
 - Montaigne
 - Voltaire

69. The teacher read a story about which individual?
- Cyrus
 - Montaigne
 - Joseph
 - David
70. The teacher wanted the boy to come back and go to _____.
- church
 - school
 - college
 - jail
71. The mother believed in _____.
- fate
 - destiny
 - school
 - signs
72. Where did the boy work in the summer?
- at the school
 - in the fields
 - in the rock quarry
 - for the teacher
73. What story did the boy read over and over to his brother and sister?
- David's story
 - Joseph's story
 - Cyrus' story
 - Montaigne's story
74. What did Sounder do when he saw the figure on the road?
- nothing
 - growled
 - barked
 - howled
75. The father had been injured in a/an _____.
- atomic blast
 - dynamite blast
 - gun blast
 - nitro blast
76. How did the father feel about the boy learning to read?
- proud
 - humbled
 - angry
 - noble

77. Sounder's _____ at the door awakened the boy.
- a. barking
 - b. scratching
 - c. whining
 - d. noble
78. After the father died Sounder had no _____ left living.
- a. reason
 - b. spark
 - c. will
 - d. spirit
79. Sounder died two weeks before the boy came home for _____.
- a. summer
 - b. Thanksgiving
 - c. Christmas
 - d. autumn