

Here are your online questions. You must choose ONE. Please use support from the text. Be sure to really think about your answer and give YOUR OWN explanation and opinion. If you want to send it to me prior to the due date, I will offer advice! Your answers should be at least one page typed. (Each question (within the question) deserves a paragraph, at least.) If you have time in class, you may work with a partner.

These are challenging questions! Good luck!

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1. Read this quote that I found online.

“Each of the novel's six sections presents a family member whose conflict is directly related to the historical time and whose physical and emotional journeys lead the character to a new level of maturity.”

Think about this quote. Choose one of the characters, either Luvenia or Tommy. How does his or her conflict relate to the historical time? Next, explain how you think he or she reached a new level of maturity. Use proof from the book. You may have to research.

One for the more creative side . . .

2. The shackles play a huge role. They are quite symbolic. First, explain what the shackles represent and how Luvenia and Tommy have been shackled or held back in some way. Use proof from the book, of course! Last, create a dialogue (conversation) between the two characters. Have one character give advice to the other about ways to escape the oppression or “shackling” that he or she has experienced.