Reading Assignment 4, pages 58-75

1. At the beginning of this section, where is the Walls family living? (House and City/State, please)

2. Where did Rex and Rosemary enroll their children in school?

3. What did Jeannette try not to do to make the other kids like her?

4. What did Rex make Jeannette do because he argued that she needed to be challenged?

5. The neighborhood where the Walls children live is known as what?

6. What two things were most important to the kids who lived in this neighborhood?

7. Rosemary believed that children should not be burdened by what? Do you agree?

8. According to Rosemary, we are becoming a nation of what? Why does she come to this conclusion?

9. What kind of collection does Jeannette start while living in Battle Mountain?

10. What kind of rock was Jeannette’s favorite?

11. Who was the only person who ever bought a rock from Jeannette during her “rock sales”? What does he suggest Jeannette do?

12. What was “The Woods” according to Jeannette and Brian?

13. What happened to Brian and Jeannette’s “laboratory”? Did you see anything wrong with the situation that occured?

14. Who saved Brian and Jeannette from the potentially deadly consequences at the laboratory?

15. According to Rex, what is the zone of yellow flames dissolving into shimmery heat called? How might this phrase relate to themes in the book?

16. What did Brian and Jeannette do to earn money?

17. What was the Green Lantern?

18. What was the ugliest pet the Walls family ever owned?

19. What was the most unusual, but “pretty-tame”pet taken in by the Walls family?

20. What were Jeannette’s feelings about Buster?

According to Rosemary, their family was doing the animals a favor by not doing what?

21. What are your thoughts on the following statement: “Mom liked to encourage self-sufficiency in all living creatures.”

22. How is there a “circle of life” happening within the Walls’ home?

23. Do you find any irony in the following statement by Rosemary: “If it kills flies, it can’t be good for us”?

24. What was the Hot Pot?

25. What happened when Jeannette “learned to swim”?

26. What lesson did Rex say Jeannette was supposed to learn from her experience at the Hot Pot?

27. What was the longest Rex ever held a job?

28. According Rex, how did he actually lose his job?

29. What does Jeannette plan to do to “help out” after Rex loses his job?

30. When Lori tells Jeannette that she doesn’t think her plan will be enough, what do Jeannette and Lori decide they will have to do to “help out”?

31. What did Jeannette do to try to curb her hunger?

32. What caused Brian’s “upchucking” behind the house?

33. What happened to the can of corn? Who do you think is the culprit?

34. What did Jeannette find Lori eating in the kitchen?

35. What did Jeannette do to break one of the family’s unspoken rules?

36. What did the Walls family have to do in desperate times when they needed money?

37. What did Grandma Smith suggest they should do if they couldn’t take care of themselves?

38. What kind of degree does Rosemary have? Did this surprise you?