

The Bluest Eye

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Autumn

1.- How was Frieda and Claudia's life in 1939 and how did Miss Della Jones and Mr. Henry smell?

2.- Is there any reason for adults to just give directions instead of talking with their children? What was bad for the senses when Frieda was sick and why was the Black Draught used?

3.- Why couldn't the Breedlove family stay together? Did Claudia have an unsullied hatred towards Pecola? Were the Raggedy Dolls popular among children or did the girls in that age have a special prototype of doll and beauty standards?

4.- Was the Breedlove's family dysfunctional or was this caused by the environment they were living in? Why did Pecola have an affection for the prostitutes?

Winter

5.- Why did Maureen Peal cause some eyes to genuflect? What was so charming about her? Did Frieda overreact with Woodrow Cain's head?

6.- Did Maureen think Frieda, Claudia, and Pecola were in there same level of cuteness as her? Why didn't the sisters buy ice cream?

7.- What did society expect from Geraldine and why did she tell her son to distinguish people? To what type of group did Louis Junior belong?

8.- Did Louis Junior act as a bully with Pecola and the cat? How did Geraldine react when she saw Pecola in her house?

Spring

9.- Why did Claudia suggest getting whiskey from Pecola to help her sister keep from gaining weight?

10.- Were Black people allowed to enter the park? Why was Polly called Mrs. Breedlove by her own daughter and not by the little girl?

11.- In which way did Cholly and Pauline (Polly) make their relationship work? How was Polly treated when she gave birth to Pecola?

12.- Was Cholly a happy child living with his great aunt Jimmy, and was he traumatized when he was with Darlene ?

13.-What was the cause, if there was a cause, for Cholly to have a befuddled brain when he saw Pecola's toe?

14. Did Sir Whitecomb's family suffer from Anglophilia or did he inherit his family with something else?

15.- What did Soaphead Church represent in his community? Was this his real name? What did Soaphead Church make of Pecola's petition?

Summer

16.- How did Frieda and Claudia understand their friend Pecola was pregnant? What was the reaction of people?

17.- In the last chapter, who was Pecola in conversation with and why did her friend anger her?

18.- Why did Pecola worry about her blue eyes and what happened to her baby?

19.- Was the town prepared to deal with situations like Pecola's, or was it a white versus black society ruling the self-hatred motive to keep ruining their lives?

20.- What do you think of the Shirley Temple role model among the famous people in the narrative of the book? Did you acquire something from the book? Would you recommend it?