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**#2: Peeking at Eternity—A Boy on a Horse; pages 51-107**

**Summary:**

Reuben tell his father’s miraculous experience during a tornado. The experience changed Jeremiah, and he quit his prosperous job and dedicated himself to God. Davy is arrested and jailed for killing Israel and Tommy. All but three members of the community turn away from the Land family, and things get wore when Jeremiah is fired by Superintendent Holgren. Even as he is losing his job, Jeremiah performs a miracle to cure his employer’s skin disease, leaving Reuben to wonder why his father does not cure his asthma. Many people write to Davy, and the media calls him a hero, but the positive response soon fades. Swede and Reuben wonder if they will ever see Davy Again, and Swede’s writing turns bloody and full of doubt. Media stories defending Israel and Tommy arise, heightening the Land family’s desperation and fear. The trial begins, and while Davy’s kind and knowledgeable lawyer does his best, the case presented against Davy is strong. Reuben is called to the stand, and he feels as if he has betrayed his brother with his testimony. The next morning, Swede and Reuben wake to hear that Davy escaped from jail. Weeks go by with no news and Jeremiah allows Reuben and Swede to stay home from school while they eagerly await any sign that Davy is alive.

**Vocabulary: (5 points each)**

1. Narcosis
2. Denouement
3. Lexicon
4. Contrite
5. Hackneyed
6. Sequestered
7. Preening
8. Redaction
9. Maligned
10. Craven
11. Hauteur
12. Repugnant
13. Susceptible
14. indignant

**Questions: (5 points each)**

1. How does Davy react after the shooting? Do you think this is a natural reaction for someone in this situation? Why or why not?
2. What does Reuben mean by “…we all hold history differently inside us” (p.55)?
3. What kinds of letters does Davy initially receive, and why do you think Davy refuses to respond to any of them?
4. How does Swede’s writing change after the shooting? What do you think these changes reflect?
5. How does the media treat Davy’s situation? Is the media being accurate and truthful? Are they helping or hurting the situation?
6. Why is Jeremiah fired, and why is Reuben upset with his father?
7. Describe the case the prosecution presents against Davy. Do you think the prosecution is presenting an honest case? Why or why not?
8. Based on Reuben’s testimony on the stand, do you think he betrayed Davy?
9. How does Davy escape jail, and how is he able to leave town without being noticed?
10. Analyze Jeremiah’s reaction to Davy’s escape from jail. Why do you think his reaction is so different from that of Reuben and Swede?