GoW chapters 27-30

**Vocab.**

Chpt 28

Dully p414

Effluvium p415

Obscured p416

Patina p421

Disconsolately p429

Chapter 29

Crags p432

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Fetid p443

**Questions**

Chpt. 27

1. What advice is given about picking cotton? Why? (p407)

Chpt. 28

1. How have the children changed since leaving home? In Ruthie’s first fight, her behavior was surprising. Now, how does it seem? Why do you think she acts this way? (p414)
2. What does Tom talk to Ma about doing? P419
3. What does Tom imply in his speech at the bottom of p419, top of p420? Explain the meaning behind his words and observations about life and the time period. This section is the most referred to section in the book.
4. What do you think will happen to Tom? Do you think he will see the family again? Why?
5. How does the setting (rain) add to the mood of the chapter?
6. Do you think the Joads intend to go back home? Why? (p422,423)
7. What reason does Ma give for the differences between men and women? Why does she launch into a speech in the middle of p423?
8. What does Uncle John mean when he says, ‘”If on’y she didn’ die that time –“”? p423
9. Read the paragraph at the top of p435. Why did Rose do this?

Chpt. 29

1. Describe the season that is the time of year in this chapter, specifically p434
2. Steinbeck again refers to the work horses that are cared for even when they’re not working. What is meant by the last paragraph on p434? Does this relate to the horse comparison? Explain.

Chpt. 30

1. What is significant about Al’s removal of the tarp? (p436)
2. To what is Uncle John referring to at the top of p442? What may have happened in his past?
3. The 7th line down on p442, Uncle John says that he’s got to work or he’ll run away. Why?
4. What task is assigned to Uncle John? Did he do what he was supposed to do? Explain (top p448)
5. On p452 there is a reference to a geranium. What color is it? What does it represent? What other book has a similar meaning for a geranium of the same color?

After the book:

1. Why do you think Steinbeck wrote this book?
2. Review the Joad family finances. Would you say they were wise, or foolish with the money they had? Cite at least 3 examples to support your answer.
3. If the novel had continued, what would the next chapter in the life of the Joad family look like? Briefly discuss 4 characters and what his/her future holds.
4. Apply the novel to today’s world. What lessons or issues are still prevalent? Discuss at least 2