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Roll of Thunder—Chapter 3

Definitional

1. What does resiliency mean in the text? (page 31)
 - a. The power to return to the original form or position after being affected
2. What does coddling mean in the text? (page 33)
 - a. To treat tenderly, or to pamper
3. What does dejected mean in the text? (page 33)
 - a. Disheartened; low-spirited, depressed

Background

1. Whose idea was it to dig the hole in the road?
 - a. Stacey's
2. What was Stacey's goal in his master plan of digging this trench in the path?
 - a. The children were tired of being splashed by mud from the bus crossing through, so Stacey developed a plan to retaliate against the bus driver.
3. When did the caravan get to the house?
 - a. Right before Cassie fell asleep. She was sent to bed, but was lying awake in her bed.
4. Where was Pa when the nightriders came into the yard?

- a. Pa was away at work, so Ma had to grab the rifle in preparation to protect her family.

Hypothetical

1. If you were upset with the bus driver from another school, how would you handle that situation?
 - a. Answers will vary
2. If the children were caught by a white man, what would have happened to them?
 - a. Answers will vary; likely to have been punished very severely.

Relational

1. Did Stacey feel a sense of satisfaction for digging up the road?
 - a. Yes. In fact, the entire family found the incident humorous. All siblings were proud of their work.
2. Did he feel any remorse for his actions?
 - a. No, he did not question his behavior. He felt that the bus driver had it coming, and that it was a fair thing to do.
3. Should he confess that it was he and his siblings who caused this mess?
 - a. Answers will vary.

Ethical

1. Was it right for the children to dig the trench?
 - a. Answers will vary; but no.

2. Did Ma and Big Ma set a good example for the children when they laughed about the bus incident?
 - a. Answers will vary; but no.
3. Could this encourage the children to act out like this again?
 - a. Answers will vary; but yes.