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Dear Parents,

As part of our Language Arts Curriculum, the students are asked to actively engage in the reading of a variety of literature. This summer the incoming 6th grade is asked to read *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor and an additional 550 pages of their choice. We are also encouraging students to log time on iReady over the summer to keep their skills sharp with that assessment tool.

You may purchase *The Cay* via Amazon at <https://www.amazon.com/Cay-Laurel-Leaf-Books-Theodore-Taylor/dp/044022912X> or any local source that you prefer.

The 550 pages will need to be recorded and logged on the sheets provided. Parents or any other adults are able to initial the log. (only requirement)

While reading *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor each student will have to complete a list of questions. The questions and answers need to be typed following this format: questions are bolded, answer is not, skip a space between questions.

1. **Page # 5 What is Phillip's father's job at the refinery?**
Typed answer
(Skip a space)
2. **Next question**

Also, each question should have the page number listed. This number corresponds to the page number from the book, which held the answer to the question. Skip a space between questions. Do not forget to write the page numbers down. It is harder to go back after you finish reading the book. You would have to read the whole story again.

If you have any questions please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

Mr. Fischer

The Cay Comprehension Questions

Chapters 1-3

1. In the beginning of the story, why are the residents of Willemstad worried and fearful?
2. Why have the Germans come to these islands all the way from Europe? What do they want?
3. What is Phillip's father's job at the refinery?
4. Why doesn't Phillip's mother particularly like it in Willemstad?
5. Where are Phillip and his mother attempting to go to escape the threat of the Germans? Why do they choose to go there instead of somewhere else?
6. What happens that prevents Phillip and his mother from reaching their destination?
7. Who is Phillip's shipmate at sea?
8. Describe Phillip's feelings toward Timothy when they are on the raft?

Chapter 4-7

9. Where is Timothy from? Why does Phillip think he is from Africa?
10. Describe what suddenly happens to Phillip that makes Timothy feel even more responsible for him.
11. Why does Phillip become angry with Timothy and his mother?
12. Characterize Phillip in this section. Include his emotions as part of your characterization. List your responses.
13. Why does Timothy tell Phillip to keep away from the edge of the raft?
14. How does Timothy attempt to signal an airplane?
15. After Timothy sights the cay, what happens to Phillip that enrages Timothy?
16. Why does Timothy decide to abandon the raft and go to the desolate island that contains no drinking water?
17. What prevents Timothy from killing the cat?

Chapter 8-10

18. Phillip assumes that his father and other men in boats are searching for him, but what does he fail to understand?
19. What does Timothy make that he proudly shows to Phillip?
20. Phillip is concerned about which two deadly inhabitants that might be on the island?
21. Why does Phillip refuse to speak to Timothy when Timothy shows up with three lobsters?
22. What does it mean when Timothy tells Phillip, "Young bahass, be an outrageous mahn if you life, but'ere I'm all you got"?
23. What are the two things that Timothy does to help them get rescued from the island?
24. Phillip feels good because he discovers that he can do something that Timothy cannot do. What is it?

25. What causes Timothy to strike Phillip in the face?
26. What does Phillip discover about Timothy that makes him begin to change and to say, "I want to be your friend"?

Chapters 11-14

27. What does Phillip do so that he can walk around the whole island without Timothy's help?
28. Why does Phillip think that Timothy is trying to make him independent?
29. Describe what Timothy says is the cause of all their troubles.
30. What does Timothy finally do to stop the "evil jumbi"?
31. What happens to Timothy when he gets that "devil, d'fever"?
32. After the fever, what steps does Timothy take to make Phillip even more self-reliant?
33. What does Phillip do that convinces Timothy that he is becoming self-reliant?
34. What sounds does Timothy hear that indicate that a storm is coming?
35. List three precautionary things that Timothy does just before the storm hits the cay.

Chapter 15-19

36. Describe the storm that hit Timothy and Phillip's island?
37. How does Timothy prevent Phillip from becoming seriously injured?
38. Why does the storm stop for about thirty minutes?
39. What happens to Timothy during the storm and what was the consequence?
40. What does Phillip find when he looks for the fishing poles?
41. Explain why the birds attack Phillip.
42. While diving for lobster, what happens to Phillip?
43. Why does Phillip do to solve the problem of his rescue smoke not being seen?
44. Describe the ways that Phillip changes while he is on the cay.

# of Pages	Date Completed	Title	Author	Genre	Rating (1 to 5 Stars)	Initials

Codes for Genre:

RF Realistic Fiction

HF Historic Fiction

SF Science

F Fiction/Fantasy

NF Nonfiction

FT Folk Tales

P Poetry

M Mystery

B Biography