

Stella by Starlight Test

BREAKDOWN

1. Compare her writing at the beginning of the book with her attitude at the end. Discuss these factors: her attitude toward writing, her purpose for writing, her sense of audience (who she is writing for); the topics she wrote about; how clearly, she expressed herself.

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- At the beginning of the story, remember she didn't like to write, what kind of attitude did she have about writing as compare to the end of the book. She struggled with her writing, she used to sneak out to practice. She felt different about writing towards the end of the story (more positive and confident).
- Why did she want to write (to entertain, inform, pleasure)?
- Who was she writing for (school, community)?
- What were some of her topics that she wrote about?

You put all that information in your own words.

2. Explain how the two white men who came in to register were treated compared to how the three black men were treated. How was each group treated differently? What did the registrar mean when he said, "You know that song you was singin' about trouble? Be on the lookout for it, 'cause it's comin'."

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- The two men that went to register to vote, were asked many questions, they had to take a test just to register. On the other hand, the three black men didn't have to do that. What did the black men have to do to register? Compare how the white men were treated as compared to the black men who went to register.
- After Stella sang and he called her that horrible name, he said that quote, to threatened them...hint FIRE!

Put all that info in your own words

3. Explain how Stella's reactions in emergency situations-the attack on Anthony Hawkins, Stella's mother being bitten by a snake-shows her growing maturity and decisiveness.

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- Do you think that Stella is more matured and able to make quick decisions towards the end of the story as compared to the beginning?
- Explain to me what she did in those emergency situations

4. Explain how Stella's actions in the face of danger show that she too, has learned from her community how to rise above ignorance, racism, and violence. Explain and give an example of each: (ignorance, racism, and violence).

- How did Stella handle each situation in regards to ignorance, racism, violence? Give me an example of each. Her community has supported her and praised her for what she has done to show that just because she is black and poor doesn't mean that she is not able to be well mannered and stand up for herself

5. What were your thoughts when you first opened the book, Stella by Starlight and now that you are done reading the book. Share your thought. Would you recommend the book to someone? Why or why not? Explain.