

# WHILE-READING

- 1 What are we told about Billy Woodward?:
  - now • age • looks • clothes • job • his past • the world he doesn't know
  - the world he knows • his attitude to his own people
- 2 When is he Billy Woodward, and when is he William Jacob Woodward?
- 3 "He was white now" (p.109 l.5). Explain.
- 4 Regarding the episode with one of Billy's uncles (p.109):
  - How is Billy's uncle described?
  - Explain and characterize Billy's behaviour.
  - Why do the neighbours smirk "in self-righteous knowledge." (p.109 l.18)?
  - Why does Billy move the next day?
- 5 Judging from his appearance what sort of person is Billy (p.109)?
- 6 "the white tribe danced their corroboree to the good life" (p.109 ll.31-32)?  
Is this seen from the point of view of the white man? Explain
- 7 Regarding the episode with Aunt Rose (pp.109-110):
  - How is Aunt Rose described?
  - Explain and characterize Billy's behaviour. Please include the word "thing" in your answer. (p.110 l.8)
- 8 "That was his life: painting pictures and playing football and pretending. But his people knew. They always knew." (p.110 ll.10-11) Explain.
- 9 Why is Billy going home?
- 10 Why are the trees/ancestors unhappy? Is it because:
  - Billy should not return to his people
  - Billy should not try to live a white man's life
  - Billy should remember his roots
  - Billy should stop pretending
  - any other reasons you can think of.
- 11 True/false comprehension task on the CD.
- 12 How did Billy's father die?  
Why does he need a friend "as he goes back into the open mouth of his previous life"? (p.112 ll.16-17) Is it because:
  - he is afraid that he will never get away again
  - he is afraid that his family/people will not accept the way he lives now
  - he is afraid his family will reject him because of the way he has behaved towards his family
  - he needs somebody with whom he can share his happiness
  - other reasons?

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