

Native Son Book 3

Fate



Name: _____

1. Who is the first person to visit Bigger at the beginning of Book 3? What does he give Bigger? How does Bigger react to his visit?
2. What reasons does Jan give for deciding to support Bigger during his trial?
3. What does Buddy offer to do for Bigger at the inquest? What does his offer show about the events of the novel?
4. What news about Bessie does Buckley inform Bigger of?

9. Why do the prosecutors take Bigger to the Dalton Mansion? What do they ask Bigger to do and what is his response to their request?

10. How much time elapses before Bigger's trial? Why is this unusual and how is it unfair?

11. What realization does Bigger come to regarding how he has lived his life? What choice does he feel he is faced with and why? Which path does he choose?

12. Sum up the statement that Max gives in an attempt to mitigate Bigger's sentence.

13. What is Bigger and Max's last conversation like? Is Bigger interested in what Max is telling him? Why or why not?

14. In the closing scene of the book, Bigger tells Max that, "When a man kills it must be for a reason." Think about this statement... what does he mean? How does what he is saying sum up the central theme of the book.

15. How is the title native Son Ironic? How does it add meaning to the a major theme of the novel?

16. Analyze each of the following themes and how they are evident in the novel.

- fear -

- flight -

- fate -

- blindness -

- identity -