

# **Mrs. Keys Summer School Novel**

## **Review Questions: One Crazy Summer**

### **Cassius Clay Clouds**

1. What was the name of Fern's doll?
2. What type of airplane did Delphine and her sisters fly on to California?
3. What did the boxer Cassius Clay change his name to?
4. What did Delphine call her grandmother?
5. Where did Delphine and her sisters have to travel to see their mother, Cecile?
6. What did the three sisters really want to do more than anything when they went to California?
7. What was the name of the New York airport before they changed the name to JFK (John F. Kennedy)?
8. In what city did Delphine live with her Pa, Big Ma, and her sisters?
9. How old was Delphine when her mother left?
10. How much money did Papa give Delphine for the trip to California?
11. Where did Delphine put the money Papa gave her for safe keeping during the plane trip to California?
12. What was the name of the street where Delphine's family lived in Brooklyn?
13. What was Delphine's uncle's name?

### **Golden Gate Bridge**

14. What type of watch did Delphine wear?
15. How old was Delphine when she went out to Oakland?
16. What was the name of the bridge that the plane flew over on the way to Oakland that Delphine had really wanted to see?
17. What did the lady at the airport want to give to the girls but Delphine refused?

## **Secret Agent Mother**

18. What did the girls call their mother?
19. What was Cecile's last name?
20. What was the name of Delphine's dictionary that she always consulted for the meaning of words?
21. What did Delphine think Cecile looked like with her dark glasses, scarf, and big hat, and man's pants, when Cecile picked them up at the airport?
22. How old was Vonetta, the middle sister that summer?
23. How old was Fern, the youngest sister that summer?

## **Green Stucco House**

24. What type of house did Cecile have?
25. What grades were Fern and Vonetta in?

## **Mean Lady Ming**

26. What did Delphine tell Cecile that the money their Papa had given them was for?
27. What did Cecile tell the girls that they could eat if they didn't give Cecile the money that their dad had given them for the trip to California?
28. What was the boy riding on when he almost ran over Delphine and her sisters the first night they were in Oakland when they had to walk to Ming's restaurant to buy dinner?
29. What did the girls order at the Chinese restaurant for their first dinner in Oakland?
30. What was the girls' nickname for the woman who ran Ming's Chinese restaurant?

## **Collect Call**

31. What was Delphine's Papa's name?

## **For The People**

32. What was the name of the leader of the Black Panthers?
33. Where was Uncle Darnell fighting?

## **Glass of Water**

34. What book did Delphine bring to read to her sisters at night?
35. What did Cecile keep calling Fern because Cecile refused to call Fern by her given name?

## **Inseparable**

- 36. Where did Cecile send the girls to get breakfast?
- 37. What toy did Fern always have to have with her?

## **Breakfast Program**

- 38. What group ran the People's Center where the girls went to get breakfast and stayed for the program?
- 39. What did Cecile give Delphine to give to the Black Panthers at the People's Center the first time the girls went to the center for breakfast?
- 40. Who made fun of Fern and Miss Patty Cake at the Center and kept asking "What is wrong with this picture?"

## **Even the Earth Is a Revolutionary**

- 41. What were the names of the two ladies who ran the summer camp program at the People's Center?
- 42. What was the name of the boy who almost ran over the girls with the flying T board?

## **Crazy Mother Mountain**

- 43. What did Cecile change her name to when she went to California?
- 44. What did Cecile write?
- 45. Where did Cecile get the name Nzila from, what did it mean?
- 46. Where were Big Ma and papa originally from?

## **Everyone Knows the King of the Sea**

- 47. Why did Cecile leave Brooklyn and her kids behind?
- 48. What was the name of the singer that Cecile used to play all the time when Delphine was young?
- 49. How did Cecile come up with Vonetta's name?
- 50. Why did Delphine really like her name?
- 51. Why had Delphine sobbed when she found out what her name meant in the dictionary?
- 52. Why had the kids started making fun of Delphine when the t.v. show Flipper started?

## **Coloring and La-La**

- 53. What song did Delphine and her sisters sing about missing having a mother?
- 54. What did Vonetta do to Fern's Miss Patty Cake doll?

## **Counting and Skimming**

- 55. Why did Fern stop carrying the Miss Patty Cake doll around with her everywhere?
- 56. How much did the Black Panther newspaper cost?

## **Big Red S**

- 57. What did Delphine do for dinner once the girls got sick from eating takeout food every night?
- 58. What did Cecile do in her kitchen?
- 59. What did Crazy Kelvin call policemen?

## **China Who**

- 60. What were the name of the three girls at the People's Center that Delphine and her sisters became friends with eventually?
- 61. What did Hirohito Woods say he was riding on rather than a skateboard which is what Delphine called it?
- 62. Why did Hirohito Woods take offense when Delphine called him China Boy?

## **Expert Colored Counting**

- 63. What t.v., variety show did Delphine and her sisters really like to watch because it always had on black performers?
- 64. What word did Delphine use to describe someone over thirty years old that had the power and was in control?
- 65. Delphine and her sisters would count how many colored people were on shows and commercials on t.v. With the new show, Julia, which starred Diahann Carroll, a colored actress, they wouldn't be able to count all the people so what did the girls agree on how to count the show, Julia?
- 66. What did Cecile give the girls when they asked her to get them a television set?

## **Civic Pride**

- 67. What had happened to Hirohito Woods father?
- 68. What type of vehicle did Delphine's father drive?

69. Where did Delphine and her sisters go sometimes during the summer?

## **Rally for Bobby**

70. What did the people want to name the park near the center for?

71. Who was Bobby Hutton?

72. Why did Delphine not want to go to the Free Huey rally?

## **Eating Crow**

73. Where did the Ackton girls get their clothes?

## **Itsy Bitsy Spider**

74. What poem was Vonetta going to perform for the rally?

## **Wish We Had a Camera**

75. Where did Delphine take her sisters on their “excursion”?

76. What type of people did Delphine and her sisters see at the bus stop when they arrived in San Francisco?

77. Where was the girls’ first sightseeing destination when they went to San Francisco?

78. How did the girls get from Chinatown down to Fisherman’s Wharf?

79. What did the girls buy as souvenirs of San Francisco?

80. What was happening to Cecile when Delphine and her sisters got back from San Francisco?

## **The Clark Sisters**

81. Who did Delphine tell the police that she and her sisters were when the police wanted to know if they were Cecile’s kids when the police were arresting Cecile?

## **I Birthed a Nation**

82. What poem of Cecile’s (Nzila’s) did the girls decide to perform at the rally after their mother was arrested?

83. Who came to give the girls food and then let them stay in their house while Cecile was in jail?

## **Stores of the No Sayers**

84. Why was Cecile arrested according to Sister Mukumbu?
85. What was the name of the other restaurant other than Mean Lady Ming's that the girls often got their food from while they were in Oakland?
86. What went to the top of Delphine's list of no-sayers who refused to display the rally flyers in their stores and that Delphine said that she would never spend another penny in those stores?

## **Glorious Hill**

87. While Delphine and her sisters were staying at Hirohito's house, what did Hirohito want Delphine to ride?

## **The Third Thing**

88. Who played Harriett Tubman in the play the People's Center put on at the rally?
89. What word did Vonetta add throughout Cecile's poem, I Birthed a Nation?
90. What was the poem that Fern recited at the rally about?
91. When Fern kept saying "What's wrong with this picture?" what was she referring to?
92. What did Cecile have to say about Fern's poem?

## **Be Eleven**

93. What had happened to Cecile when she was eleven?
94. What was the name that Cecile wanted to give Fern?

## **Afua**

95. What did the white couple at the airport want to do that Cecile wouldn't allow?
96. What did the girls finally get from their mother before boarding the plane back to Brooklyn?