

## The Glass Castle Study Guide (pages 3-25)

### **Section I: A Woman on the Street**

1. Where is Jeannette headed when the story opens?
2. While in the taxi, who does Jeannette see on the street? How does she describe this person? What is this person doing?
3. How does Jeannette react to seeing her mother? What does she do?
4. What part of New York City does Jeannette live? How does she describe her surroundings? Contrast this with her mother's situation.
5. Describe the nature of her relationship with her mother so far.

### **Part II: The Desert**

1. What happens to Jeannette when she is 3?
2. How does she feel about being in the hospital? What does she like about the hospital? What doesn't she like?
3. Why do the nurses and doctors ask her so many questions about how she got hurt and her parents?
4. What is "the skedaddle"? How do her parents feel about doctors, hospitals and medicine?
5. What does Rose Mary say when Jeannette cooks hot dogs again? What does Jeannette start experimenting with?
6. What happens in the middle of the night a few months later? Where did the family keep valuables? Where are they going? What happens along the way that upsets Jeannette?
7. What are Rex' views on the government?
8. How does Jeannette describe Grandma Smith?