



9. What happens when Jeannette goes to Carrie Mae Blankenship's house? (Welch 12)

10. What is the definition of "pious"? Why did Rose Mary get pious? (Welch 13)

11. When Erma dies, Rex says "She was my mother, for God's sake. You kids. You make me ashamed. Do you hear me? Ashamed!" Why is his statement ironic? (Welch 13)

12. Why does Jeannette get angry when the man from bar who is driving her and Rex home says, "For the daughter of the town drunk, you sure got big plans." (Welch 13)

13. What is the incident involving Uncle Stanley and Jeannette? How does Rose Mary react? (Welch 13)

14. When Brian and Jeannette find the diamond ring, they want to sell it for food, but Rose Mary overrules them and keeps it, saying: "It could also improve my self-esteem. And at times like these, self-esteem is even more vital than food." How does that quote fit with Rose Mary's character? What does it say about her?

15. How is Rose Mary's behavior changing? How are the children, especially Jeannette changing in their views of their family life and parents? (Welch 14)

15. Explain the segregation at the swimming pool. When does Jeannette feel more comfortable going and why? Why is it ironic when she says, "I'd never felt cleaner." (Welch 15)