**KEY**

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

Chapters 13-16 Study Questions

**Chapters 13-14**

1. What do Timothy and Phillip do to count their days on the island?

**P. 71- They drop a small pebble in an old can to count the days as they pass.**

1. Describe Phillip’s fishing process.

**p. 72-73- Timothy created a fishing line for him with hooks so it would be easier for him to get the fish.**

1. On page 73, Phillip says, “When I had fished before, it was fun. I felt I had done something very special.” What does he mean by this?

**\*He has to learn how to fish all over again because of his lack of sight. It is a big deal for him.**

1. Timothy teaches Phillip to catch fish on his own, but what does Phillip teach Timothy in Chapter 13?

**\*\*p. 74- He explains to him how the lizards and sea grapes and vines came to the island.**

1. On page 76, Timothy says, “You see, Phill-eep, you do no need d’eye now. You ‘ave done widout d’eye what I couldn’t do wid my whole body.” What is it that Phillip does?

**\*\*Phillip finally climbs the coconut tree (blind) with Timothy’s assistance. They now have plenty of milk and coconut meat.**

1. What is a “tempis”?

**\*\*It is a tempest, hurricane or very bad storm**

1. What happened to Timothy in 1928 on “d’Hettie Redd”?

**\*\*p. 79- A dangerous tempest hit. The wind was outrageous and the schooner he was on overturned. He was the only man to survive.**

**Chapters 15-16- p. 85- TIMOTHY DIES**

1. After two hours of lying flat on the ground taking the storm’s punishment, Timothy took Phillip to the palm and lashed the two of them to the tree. During the worst part of the storm, Phillip passes out; when he wakes up after the storm, he asked Timothy if he is okay. Explain what has happened to Timothy as a result of the storm.

**\*\*Timothy dies as a result of the storm. He was trapped/cut up by the wind. His old body could not handle the impact.**

1. (a) How does Phillip mostly likely feel after the storm is over? (b) Explain what he must do on his own.

**\*\*p. 87 – A- At first he is angry w/Timothy. He wants to know why Timothy did not take him with him (die together). B- Eventually he realizes that he must stay busy and not think about himself, otherwise he will go crazy. Also, he realizes that Timothy had taught him survival skills.**

1. In chapters 16, Phillip finds a dozen fishing poles with barbed hooks and bolt sinkers along with a stash of supplies. Why did Timothy do this before the storm hit the island? Explain.

**\*\*p. 89- Timothy did this before the storm just in case he did not survive. He wanted to make sure that Phillip was taken care of in case he was no longer around.**

1. When Phillip walks into the birds’ new nesting grounds he is attacked by the birds. What does Stew Cat do?

**\*\*Stew cat attacks and kills the birds (he is, in a sense, protecting Phillip)**

1. How does the setting emphasize Phillip’s internal conflict in the novel?

**\*\*p. 91- (bottom)- “They were fighting for survival after the storm, just as I was.”**

**-Phillip realizes that he is not the only one fighting to survive. The animals are fighting as well. This is eye-opening for him because he realizes that he really cannot feel sorry for himself.**