**KEY**

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

**Chapters 17-19 Study Questions**

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1. Phillip is tired of eating fish and decides to go a search for langosta. Describe his experience fishing.

**\*\*p. 92-92- He takes him 30 minutes to decide that he can hunt Langosta in the hole. He is proud when he spears some, but he is then bitten by a moray eel. He says he will never go back.**

1. What does Phillip yell out when the sound of an aircraft gets closer and swoops down overhead? Explain why this is important.

**\*\*He yells out because he thinks he has finally been rescued. Also, he runs down to the fir and then thinks of oily boards. The oil can create black smoke which will be visible to air crafts.**

1. When Phillip and Stew Cat are taken on board the boat, Phillip sends one of the sailors back for Timothy’s knife. Explain the knife’s significance.

**\*\*p. 102- The knife is symbolic of survival, strength and of Timothy. It reminds him of the man that essentially saved his life.**

1. Four months after the rescue, Phillips gets his eyesight back as a result of an operation in New York. Phillip has matured since he was last in Curacao, how does he feel about Henrick when he returns? Explain.

**\*\*p. 104- Henrik seems young/immature. Phillip would rather go down to St. Anna Bay and talk to the black people. He can relate to them more since he spent so much time with Timothy.**

1. Give another theme for the novel.

**\*\*You don’t know what you have the ability to overcome until it is right in front of you.**