

Study questions for "Journey to Jo'burg"

Chapter 1

- 1) Why are Naledi and Tiro worried?
- 2) Why can't they go to the hospital?
- 3) What does Naledi think about when she passes the graves?
- 4) What does Naledi decide to do?
- 5) Who is Dineo?

Chapter 2

- 1) How do they feel as they walk along the road?
- 2) What do Naledi and Tiro feel about policemen?

Chapter 3

- 1) What will the farmer do to people who steal oranges?
- 2) Why do the children hide the orange peels do you think?

Chapter 4

- 1) Why do you think the driver gave the children a ride?
- 2) Why can't the childrens' mother stay with them?

Chapter 5

- 1) What happened to the childrens' father?
- 2) What is it like in Johannesburg? How is Johannesburg described?

Chapter 6

- 1) How are they going to get to their mother? What happens when they try to get on the bus?
- 2) Who is Grace Mbatha?
- 3) What does the childrens' mother work with?

Chapter 7

- 1) What happens when the children walk through the gates?

- 2) What does the Madam say when the childrens' mother asks if she can go home to see her sick daughter?
- 3) Why does Mma take plates and mugs from a separate cupboard?

Chapter 8

- 1) How do the children get separated from Grace?
- 2) What happens when the police show up at the train station? What is a "pass", do you think?
- 3) At the end of chapter 8 a boy says: "How can our parents put up with it?", What does he mean?

Chapter 9

- 1) Who are Paul and Jonas?
- 2) Who is Dumi?

Chapter 10

- 1) Why did Dumi and Grace start protesting?
- 2) What happened during the protests? What did the police do?
- 3) Where is Dumi?

Chapter 11

- 1) What does Mma say when Naledi tells her about Grace and the protests?

Chapter 12-15

- 1) How is Dineo doing when they return?
- 2) What did Naledi learn from her time at the hospital?
- 3) How did the story end?

What kind of person was Naledi?

Do you think the trip to Jo'burg changed her in some way? How? Why/why not?