

The UNSUNG HERO of
BIRDSONG, USA

ASSESSMENTS



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Reading Check 1 Name:

Chapters 1-3

1. What gift does Gabriel receive for his birthday?
2. Who almost hits Gabriel with their car?
3. Why does Gabriel almost get hit by a car?

Reading Check 2 Name:

Chapters 4-5

1. Who saves Gabriel's life?
2. What does this person you identified in #1 do for Gabriel?
3. Who tells Gabriel's parents about the accident?

Reading Check 3 Name:

Chapters 6-7

1. Where is Tink's new friend, Helene, from?
2. What is one piece of advice Tink gives Gabriel to avoid a harsh punishment?
3. Who claims that Gabriel has a special destiny?

Reading Check 4 Name:

Chapters 8-9

1. How long is Gabriel forbidden to ride his bicycle?
2. Who is Gabriel's best friend?
3. Where do Gabriel and his best friend go to find Meriwether? (Name two places)

➤ 15 Mini-Quizzes – 3 Questions per Reading

➤ Google Forms for Easy Grading

➤ Common Core-Aligned Materials

➤ Check for Understanding

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Novel Quiz 1

Name: _____

Chapters 1-16

SECTION I: Order the following events of the novel in chronological order

- _____ - Lucas spits on Meriwether's shoes when he finds out he might work at Jake's shop.
- _____ - Gabriel's father hires Gabriel to work at the gas station and shop.
- _____ - Gabriel sneaks a ride on his bicycle, disobeying his parents' punishment.
- _____ - When Gabriel is riding his bicycle, Meriwether saves him from being hit by Mrs. Babcock's car.
- _____ - Gabriel and Patrick walk to Meriwether's house because Gabriel wants to offer Meriwether a job.

SECTION II: Mark true statements with a T, and false statements with an F

- _____ - As punishment for Gabriel's accident, his parents forbid him to ride his bicycle for three weeks.
- _____ - Patrick, Gabriel's friend, is training to become a U.S. Navy frogman when he grows up.
- _____ - Gabriel's parents met at Oberlin College in Ohio, and then moved to Birdsong.
- _____ - Abigail's name means "a father's love."
- _____ - Tink always carries around a camera because she wants to be a photographer.

SECTION III: Fill-in-the-blank

1. Tink's friend, Helene, just moved to South Carolina from _____.
2. Meriwether lives in a part of Birdsong some residents call _____.
3. Birdsong enforces _____ laws, which legally permit segregation.
4. Meriwether tells Patrick they are alike because the _____ hates them both.
5. Gabriel gets mad at Patrick when Patrick refers to Meriwether as _____ instead of his name.

SECTION IV: Multiple-choice

1. _____ Which aspect of the novel's setting influences the characters the most?
 - a. The summer and heat
 - b. The small town atmosphere
 - c. The segregation and prejudiced social context
 - d. The post-World War II economic context
2. _____ Which of the following best describes how Gabriel's tone toward Birdsong is changing?
 - a. From admiring to doubting
 - b. From despising to appreciative
 - c. From wary to trusting
 - d. From annoyed to indifferent
3. _____ How is the plot most advanced by Gabriel's bicycle accident?
 - a. The accident complicates Meriwether's efforts to find a job
 - b. The accident foreshadows Meriwether's confrontation with Lucas
 - c. The accident initiates the friendship between Gabriel and Meriwether
 - d. The accident reveals the danger of living in Birdsong

➤ 2 Novel Quizzes – 1 per Half of Book

➤ Depth of Knowledge Questions

➤ Use for Assessment or Practice

➤ Essay Choice Board

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Multiple-Choice

Section III

Read the following passage and answer questions 11-15 that follow.

Meriwether gazed off into space. "You good at keepin' secrets, Gabriel?"

"Usually."

Abigail stood up. "Don't tell him, Daddy. Mama made you swear on the Bible."

"I won't tell no one, I promise . . . What?"

"I hope you're a person of your word, Gabriel Haberlin."

"I am . . . Why'd you say that stuff about the Battle of the Bulge? You made it sound like you were there too."

"I was. And so were other colored men. And I'm tired of keepin' it bottled up inside me when y'all's soldiers get to brag and have fancy parades and all I have is a uniform, a Good Conduct Medal, an honorable discharge, and my memories. Always considered myself to be a brave man, but lately I've been so fulla fear, I've even stopped relivin' it with colored folks." He stared off again into the distance before continuing. "I already have the answer to this question, but lemme ask it anyway. Any colored soldiers honored in that parade?"

"No."

Meriwether drew his knees up to his chest and dropped his head into his hands. Abigail patted his shoulder tenderly. "Don't be sad about it again, Daddy."

"Startin' to feel like a dream," he whispered.

"What'd you do over there?"

He raised his head and looked straight at me. "I drove a tank."

"Wow!"

"Yessiree. I was a member of the United States Army's 761st Tank Battalion . . . all colored. Called ourselves the Black Panthers. Motto was Come Out Fighting, and that's exactly what we did. Proud to say we finished off a lotta Nazis and did our part to win the war."

11. _____ Part One: What does the passage reveal about friendship?
 - a. Friendship grows the longer people know each other
 - b. Good friends share secrets
 - c. Friendship is based on trust
 - d. Good friends break other people's promises to each other
12. _____ Part Two: Which detail best supports your answer to Part One? (Choose **one** answer)
 - a. "Don't tell him, Daddy. Mama made you swear on the Bible."
 - b. "You good at keepin' secrets, Gabriel?"
 - c. "Why'd you say that stuff about the Battle of the Bulge? You made it sound like you were there too."
 - d. "I won't tell no one, I promise . . . What?"
13. _____ How is the following figurative language effective in the passage: "**Startin' to feel like a dream**"?
 - a. Reveals how courageously Meriwether fought in the war
 - b. Emphasizes how Meriwether's service was the best time of his life
 - c. Highlights how Meriwether's service does not feel real anymore since he has to keep it hidden
 - d. Shows how much Meriwether's tank crew's service changed the lives of people in the U.S.
14. _____ Which detail best reveals the disadvantage of the point of view?
 - a. Meriwether drew his knees up to his chest and dropped his head into his hands.
 - b. "I hope you're a person of your word, Gabriel Haberlin."
 - c. "Always considered myself to be a brave man, but lately I've been so fulla fear, I've even stopped relivin' it with colored folks."
 - d. He raised his head and looked straight at me.
15. _____ How does the author convey the idea that the Meriwether and his fellow soldiers should be recognized for their service?
 - a. Through the parade for white war heroes and Meriwether's honorable service
 - b. Through Meriwether's ability to keep his service hidden from others
 - c. Through the tank crew's motto
 - d. Through Meriwether's ability to drive a tank

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