

# Sounder

## 1. What is the deeper meaning behind the figurative phrase "cabin quiet was long and sad"?

- The cabin is old and needs repair.
- The cabin's silence feels heavy with sadness.
- The boy enjoys the silence in the cabin.
- The cabin is often left empty for long periods.

## 2. What mood does the author create through the imagery of whistling wind throughout the passage?

- Happiness and joy
- Jealousy and envy
- Fear and exhaustion
- Discomfort and disruption

## 3. How does the passage support the theme of hope?

- By focusing on Sounder's habits
- Through the mother's crafting skills and belief in her son
- Through the boy's search and belief in Sounder's possible return
- By emphasizing the wind's effect

## 4. Given the passage and the phrase "Sounder scratching fleas underneath the floor," what can you infer about Sounder?

- Sounder lives under the floor.
- Sounder is another boy.
- Sounder is a type of insect.
- Sounder is a dog.

## 5. Why does the boy prefer the quietness of the woods over the cabin?

- The woods are warmer.
- The cabin has better memories; the woods have always been terrifying for the boy.
- The woods' quiet offers a sense of hope and presence; the cabin's is isolating and sad.
- He dislikes his home.

**6. The mother's statement "The Lord teaches the old to lose" implies that...**

- young people are luckier.
- the boy should not worry about Sounder.
- old people have more experiences with loss.
- old people are forgetful.

**7. Which word best describes the overall mood of the passage?**

- Joyful
- Sad
- Angry
- Terrifying

**8. The mother is trying to show the boy that...**

- they should move to a new cabin.
- he should keep searching.
- loss is a part of life.
- Sounder will definitely return.

**9. What does the statement "He could hear things in the quiet" suggest about the boy?**

- He values the sounds of nature.
- He has a good sense of hearing.
- He finds meaning in silence.
- He often hears strange noises.

**10. What does the figurative language in the phrase "The wind made the woods noisy" most likely suggest about the boy's feelings?**

- The boy feels the wind disrupts the peace he seeks in the woods.
- The boy finds the wind comforting and reassuring.
- The boy thinks the wind is guiding him to Sounder.
- The boy believes the wind brings messages from afar.

**11. Which part of the text best illustrates the theme of coming to terms with loss and acceptance?**

- "The next day he walked the great woodlands, calling Sunder's name."
- "Some people is born to keep. Some is born to lose."
- "Tomorrow he would go into the woods and look for Sunder."
- "'The wind whistlin' in the pipe is bothersome,' he said."

**12. How does the boy feel about the wind?**

- It comforts him.
- It is bothersome and cold.
- He loves it.
- He does not care about it.