

VAUXHALL HIGH SCHOOL

ENGLISH LITERATURE

GRADE 8

Literature Book: **My Father, Sun-Sun Johnson**

A. Answer the following questions.

Story- The Blow

1. In the chapter ‘The Blow’ which phrase best describes Merton Sun-Sun Johnson?

- (a) a good business man (b) a man with judgement (c) a jealous man (d) a caring man

2. What was the name of the villain’s chauffeur?

- (a) Betty Hilcher (b) Brad Johnson (c) Lorne Bakersfield (d) Rami Johnson

B. Identify the Figure of Speech used in the sentences below.

- (a) Similes (b) Metaphor (c) Personification (d) onomatopoeia (e) Alliteration

(i) His eyes were laughing _____

(ii) The quick boom-boom! Boom-boom-boom! Of the drum _____

(iii) The jaguar was purring nicely _____

(iv) He climbed our stairs like a Lord with a monopoly on everything in the world _____

C. Complete each sentence.

1. What was ‘The Blow’ that Merton Sun-Sun Johnson received from the villain?

2. How does Merton Sun-Sun Johnson find himself in the situation? _____

3. Explain what moving from Robin Hill to River Bottom symbolizes?

D. Answer the following questions.

Story- Reflections

1. Describe Rami's new home.

- (a) It had a rocking chair (b) It had running water (c) It had a verandah (d) It had 2 bedrooms

2. Name some crops that Merton Sun-Sun Johnson planted at his new home.

- (a) potatoes and coconuts (b) cabbage and callaloo (c) pumpkin and dasheen (d) peas and beans

3. Arlene and Brad are _____

- (a) Rami's cousins (b) Jim Pearl's children (c) Betty's students (d) Debbie Johnson's children

4. On the first day of school, which friend came to Rami's defence?

- (a) Colli Rainer (b) Brad Johnson (c) Donna Rae (d) Arlene

5. Who was described as Father Christmas? _____

- (a) Merton Sun-Sun Johnson (b) Jake Hibbertson (c) Brad Johnson (d) Lorne Bakersfield

E. Explain the quotations

(i) "Chip off the old block"

(ii) "He was desired but by no means desirable; sought like gold yet not possessing an ounce of charm."

F. Answer the following questions.

2. Why was Rami ridiculed by his peer?

3. Explain Arlene's feelings towards the villain. Use evidence from the text to support your response.

4. State Rami's mothers reasons for leaving his father. Use evidence from the text to support your response.

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