***The Rock and The River* Reading Check**

**“Chapter 1 and Chapter 2”**

**Directions:** Please answer all of the following questions in ***complete sentences*.** You can and should ***use your book***. No one is testing your memory! We are working on comprehension, and good readers reread to make sure they comprehend.

1. What is Sam’s motivation for trying to leave the protest early?
2. Briefly describe what injustices Sam and Stick face while at the hospital. (You can consider when they first arrive and what happens in the gift shop.)
3. What evidence is there that protesting, even peacefully, is putting Sam and his family in danger? Why does Roland, Sam’s father, continue to protest if it’s dangerous?
4. What motivates Sam and Stick to keep working on the block tower?

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1. At the end of the chapter Stick says, “I can’t take it anymore” (24). What does he mean? What is “it” that he can’t take anymore?
2. When Bucky brings out the pamphlet on The Black Panthers, Stick tell him to “put it away” and keeps trying to tell him to talk about it “another time.” (39). Why doesn’t Stick want to talk about The Black Panthers at this point?
3. Considering what injustices Bukcy faces, why would he be drawn to The Black Panthers? In other words, why would he find this group “exciting”? (40)
4. What does, Roland, Sam and Stick’s father, believe about how people should take a stand against injustice? If you’re stuck, try rereading these pages: 3-5,11-13, 15, 31-34, 39-40
5. How are Stick’s beliefs about taking a stand against injustice different from his father’s? How do you know? If you’re stuck, try rereading these pages: 3-5,11-13, 15, 31-34, 39-40