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

**“Chapters 13-14”**

**Directions:** Choose ***seven*** out of the following eight questions to answer in ***complete sentences*.** If you answer more than eight questions, I may not have time to read all your answers. 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. While driving away from the protest with Stick and Sam, Leroy says, “We can’t win like that at this point, and you know it.” (191) What does Leroy mean? Who can’t win like what?
2. Sam asks himself some hard questions while in the car. He wonders, “Which was worse? Hurting Stick by doing nothing, or hurting Father by doing what I did?” (193) Which would you say is worse? Did Sam make the right choice?
3. If Stick is a Black Panther, why doesn’t he want Sam to join up and help them?
4. While at The Black Panthers’ office, Stick tells Leroy he’s taking Sam home, but Sam says, “I want to stay” (194). Then just a few pages later, he thinks to himself, “Mostly I wanted to be left alone” (196). Which is it? Why can’t Sam make up his mind about what he wants?
5. What happens to Roland at the end of Chapter 13 and why does Sam say, “The law would not protect Father”? (201)
6. What motivates The Black Panthers to show up at Sam’s house?
7. From pages 206-209, is Sam’s mother being fair to Stick? Why or why not?
8. Stick gives Sam some advice and says, “You’re only responsible for your own actions. You can’t control how someone else reacts to what you do. You made a choice. Stand by it.” (210) Why is Stick giving Sam this advice? Do you agree with it?