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

**“Chapters 15-16”**

**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. When Stick returns to the hospital in Chapter 15, why isn’t Sam happy to see his brother? Why does he resent Stick?
2. In this chapter, we see several ways that characters can take a stand against injustice without staging a protest or demonstration. Describe at least one of these other ways to take a stand against injustice. (218-222)
3. Why doesn’t Sam’s father want him to testify?
4. Why is there such sadness in Sam’s father at the end of the chapter?
5. Why do the lawyers tell Sam they don’t want The Black Panthers brought up at trial?
6. What is motivating Roland to help with Bucky’s defense even though he doesn’t like The Black Panthers?
7. Stick tells Sam that he hates guns and violence, so why is he a Black Panther?
8. Stick tells Sam that the guns The Black Panthers carry only “represent an idea” (230). What idea do guns represent for The Black Panthers?