



- b. In turn what does Mr. Starrett do for Shane?
  - c. What debt is Shane paying?
8. Chapter 3 details the men's battle with the stump.
- a. How do they anger Miriam?
  - b. What does the battle teach us about the two men?
  - c. Shane trusts Mr. Starrett. How does the reader know this?
  - d. What does Shane mean when he tells Marian that the pie is "the best bit of stump I've ever tasted" ?
9. The author gives us the first real indication of the external conflict of the novel in Chapter 4. What is it?
10. Shane decides to stay and work for the Starretts. Why?
11. In Chapter 4 the reader is given additional clues regarding Shane's past. Reread the section describing how Shane arranges himself when sitting. What does he do and why?
12. The narrator also makes note of an additional striking fact about Shane. What is it and why is it so striking?

13. Mr. Starrett warns his son, “Don’t get to liking Shane too much.” What does he mean?
14. In Chapter 5 the adults get excited over an innocent remark by Shane. What is the remark and what does it mean to them?
  
15. This is a coming of age novel. Bob is learning to navigate the world of adults and looks to different men as role models. Before Shane arrives, who are Bob’s heroes? Why are these men fascinating to him?
  
16. It is also in this chapter that the reader gets confirmation as to Shane’s former occupation. What is he? What does he tell Bob regarding guns?
  
17. What is the internal conflict?
  
18. Chapter 6 opens with the statement, “The season of friendship in our valley was fading with the sun’s warmth.” What has happened to escalate the conflict between Fletcher and the homesteaders?
  
19. This chapter also outlines the process of Western settlement. Explain how the town came to be.

20. Look up the Homestead Act and explain it.
  
21. Who is Mosely and what had happened to him?
22. The treatment of Mosely was a warning to the homesteaders. How did Mr. Starrett answer it?
  
23. Describe the incident in the saloon between Shane and Chris. How does Chris provoke Shane? What is Shane's response to the provocation? Mr. Grafton says Chris is a fool. In what way is he a fool? What is Shane afraid of?
  
24. What does Shane tell Bob about the incident?
  
25. In Chapter 7 the narrator says the cowhands *rowel* the homesteaders. What is a *rowel* and what does he mean by the characterization?
  
26. How do the cowhands' comments change the homesteaders' perceptions of Shane and Starrett?
  
27. What finally pushes Shane to act?

28. Describe what happens when Shane goes to town.

29. Marian is upset. She says Starrett has done something to Shane. What has Starrett done?

30. Shane is changed. How?

31. What is he worried about?

32. What does Shane promise Marian?

33. In Chapter 9 the narrator says another period of peace has settled over the valley. However, Joe Starrett and Shane show they do not trust this. How do they show this lack of trust?

34. Describe Shane's third encounter with Fletcher's men.

35. At the end of Chapter 10, Joe Starrett says, "Do you think I don't know Marian?" What does he know?

36. In Chapter 11 we learn some news regarding Fletcher and his next move. What has he done?
37. What is Shane worried about when he tells Johnson to pick up Torrey and Wright?
38. Explain what happened to Ernie Wright. How did Wilson insult Ernie?
39. Why, according to Shane, is Wright's death murder?
40. Who is Fletcher coming after next and why?
41. What does Fletcher offer Starrett?
42. In Chapter 13 Joe discusses his upcoming showdown with Wilson. About whom is he speaking when he says his family will be in better hands than his own?
43. What does the fact that Shane has changed back into his original clothing signify?

44. Why does Shane knock Starrett out?

45. Why does Shane leave?