

# Brady by Jean Fritz

## Reading Questions

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### Chapters 1-2

1. What was the nickname Matt had given Brady?
2. In what state do Brady and his family live?
3. What did Brady's father call the shed where he went to study, pray, and write his sermons?
4. What did Brady and Range find along the edge of the creek after they had picked and eaten strawberries?
5. What did Drover Hull have hanging on the front of his cabin?
6. According to Range, "Those men are runaway slaves and Drover Hull's place must be a station in the \_\_\_\_\_." (p. 27)

## Chapters 3-4

1. Why was Mrs. Minton concerned about Mary Dorcas running around after the ball?
2. What was the name of the traveling abolitionist preacher who was attacked by a group of citizens with a bushel basket of eggs?
3. How did Brady's family react to his news about his discovery of a station on the Underground Railroad?
4. What important occasion did Brady's father record in the family Bible for June 10, 1836?
5. What did Brady notice was on his father's trousers?
6. What did Brady's father ask him to make to keep the blackbirds away?

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### Chapters 5-7

1. Why are some of the people wanting to replace Brady's Uncle Earl as sheriff?
2. What large weapon did Mr. McKain bring home from the War of Independence?
3. What is the stranger with the bloodhound dog looking for in town?
4. What did Laban Williams offer to do for the slave catcher?
5. What was different about Drover Hull's cabin when Range and Brady saw it again?
6. What holiday was Brady's father and Uncle Earl making plans to celebrate at the beginning of Chapter 7?
7. What illness did Brady catch from Mary Dorcus?
8. Why did Brady's father threaten to give him a thrashing at the end of Chapter 7?

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### Chapters 8-10

1. Why did the crowd start laughing at Laban and Bill Williams when Mr. McKain was reading the Declaration of Independence to the crowd at the Independence Day celebration?
2. What did Mr. McKain do that surprised the boys after the Independence Day celebration?
3. What did Brady have to exhibit self-control over while Mr. Potter was visiting at the beginning of Chapter 9?
4. Why was Brady working so hard to make good choices?
5. What was Brady pretending to make happen during the church service? (His made-up game)
6. Why was Brady concerned about his father's sermon in Chapter 9?
7. What news about the church did Mr. Fergus bring at the beginning of Chapter 10?

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### Chapters 11-14

1. What discovery did Brady make in his father's Sermon House?
2. Brady discovered his father's Sermon House was a station on the  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. What kind of animal did Moss keep as a pet?
4. What did Moss say the runaway slaves followed in the sky that brought them to Brady's farm?
5. Where did Moss say he was headed after leaving Brady's farm?
6. What secret is Brady wanting to share with Range in Chapter 12? Why do you think he decides not to tell him about the secret?
7. Circle the correct answer. "Keeping a secret like this one was like riding a runaway horse." This sentence is an example of which literary device:
  - a. metaphor
  - b. simile
  - c. personification
  - d. none of the above
8. What did Moss ask Brady to help him with in Chapter 13?
9. What did Brady accidentally leave behind, and was afraid his father would find, in the Sermon House?
10. Who was the stranger that showed up at Brady's home at the beginning of Chapter 14?

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### Chapters 15-18

1. Where had Matt been living since becoming a professor?
2. Who did Brady see in town while with his brother, Matt, that caused him to be alarmed?
3. What happened to the barn while Brady was putting his horse Jenny in her stall?
4. What happened to Brady's father while they were grabbing the saddles out of the barn?
5. Whose pocketknife did Brady find on the ground in the vegetable patch?
6. Where did Brady hide Moss in the wagon?
7. What last name did Moss decide to give himself?
8. Who was the agent that met Brady to take Moss to Canada?
9. Who were the other three men Brady learned had helped Will Minton and Brady's father operate the station on the Underground Railroad?
10. What did Mr. Minton write about Brady in the family Bible?
11. According to Mr. Minton, when does a boy become a man?