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English Language Arts

**The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck: Study guide: Chapters 1-5**

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| **Question** | **Quotation/Answer/Analysis --- Include page where you found the event/quotation** |
| 1. What does the following excerpt from the poem, “Battle Hymn of the Republic” by Julia W. Howe mean? 2. How is it connected to the book, The Grapes of Wrath?   Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on. Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.  Discuss with your neighbors and write the answer to the right. |  |
| 1. What signs were the farm women and children watching the men for? |  |
| 2. Why is the truck driver who gives Tom a ride nameless? |  |
| 3. Why does the truck driver break the “No Riders” rule of his company? |  |
| 4. How does the land turtle foreshadow events in the story? |  |
| 5. What reason does Jim Casy give for no longer preaching? |  |
| 6. How did the bankers’ agents explain foreclosing on mortgages and driving the farmers off of their land? |  |
| 7. What are the suggestions of the opening descriptions of the Dust Bowl conditions in Oklahoma? |  |
| 8. Why does the truck driver deliberately hit the turtle? |  |
| 9. In chapter 3, what does the highway represent? How about cars and trucks? What is their goal and direction? |  |
| 10. How does Casy interpret the idea of the 'Holy Spirit'? What is the significance of his comments? |  |
| 11. How did Pa acquire the Joad family's house? |  |
| 12. Who are the "owners of the land"? |  |
| 13. Why do the owners speak "as though the Bank or the Company were a monster"? |  |
| 14. Why is it said that "When the monster stops growing, it dies. It can't stay one size"? |  |
| 15. What feature of capitalism is addressed in those phrases? Why is it said that "The bank is something more than men, I tell you. It's the monster. Men made it, but they can't control it"? |  |