

RUBY HOLLER



- ★ *I'm noticing that Tiller and Sairy are beginning to understand how fearful Dallas and Florida are of going back to the Boxtan Creek Home.*
- ★ *What do you think about Tiller and Sairy's special recipes? Talk about this with someone. Does your family have any special recipes that make you feel better when you're sad? If so, what creative name could you give it?*
 - *My mom makes a special lemon square recipe as a treat when I come to visit...just because she loves me. I think I'll call them "Just because I love you lemon squares!"*
 - *Now you give it a try!*
- ★ *How did you feel when you read the part about Dallas and Florida telling Mr. Trepid about the Understone Funds?*
 - *What do you think Mr. Trepid is up to?*
- ★ *Sairy gets a glimpse of Mrs. Trepid's true personality. How would you describe Mrs. Trepid?*
- ★ *Do you think Dallas and Florida will leave for the night train or will they go on their separate trips with Tiller and Sairy?*

★ *Tiller and Sairy are not sleeping well. Tiller “makes” himself dream. Sharon Creech, the author, describes it as... He “wills himself to dream”. Sairy can’t sleep and decides to look in her old trunk filled with memories. She comes across an old photo that makes her remember when she was a young woman.*

- *When you’re worried or unsure about something, have you ever tried to think about something else, or “willed yourself” to dream about something?*

★ *When Dallas and Florida decide to head out toward the night train, they realize the Holler at night is not quite what they thought it would be. How would you describe their night in the Holler?*

Talk out your thinking with someone at home or jot some of your ideas in a journal or draw a picture of your thinking.