

The Red Pony
Chapter I: "The Gift"

1. How old is Jody?
2. Who is it that Jody looks up to?
3. When would Jody be allowed to have cartridges for his gun?
4. What was the gift that Mr. Tiflin had for Jody?
5. What was Jody's reaction to this gift?
6. Where did Jody's gift come from?
7. What name does Jody give the red pony and what does his name mean?
8. How do Jody's friends react to the pony?
9. When does Jody plan on riding the pony for the first time?
10. Who taught Jody about the "fears of horses"?
11. How did Gabilan show bad behavior toward Jody?
12. How did Jody practice riding on a saddle?
13. What was Jody's fear about riding Gabilan for the first time?
14. When does Jody plan on riding the pony for the first time?
15. Why did Jody leave Gabilan outside while he went to school for one day?
16. What condition did Jody find the pony in when he arrived home from school?
17. Why did Billy Buck feel guilty?

18. What does Billy do to help the pony breathe?
19. Where did Jody find the pony when it had left the barn?
20. Why did the pony wander away?
21. What did Billy do to the buzzard and what were the color of the eyes of the buzzard?
22. How did Mr. Tiflin react to this?
23. Why do you think Billy Buck became enraged with Jody's father at the end of the chapter?
24. How does Jody feel about death?

Chapter II: "The Great Mountains"

1. How did Jody show that he felt mean and frustrated after he lost the pony?
2. How did Jody kill the bird?
3. Why did Jody hide the remains of the bird?
4. What part of the natural landscape filled Jody with wonder and curiosity?
5. Who is the man that suddenly appears on the farm?
6. What does paisano mean?
7. Why has this man come?
8. Why doesn't Mr. Tiflin want the old man to stay?
9. What did Jody repeatedly question the old man about?
10. What was the name of the first horse Mr. Tiflin ever owned?
11. How did Carl Tiflin try to hurt Gitano in a round about way?
12. Why does the old man want to stay so badly?
13. What was Gitano examining when Jody came down to see him in the bunkhouse in the evening?
14. What did Gitano do in the morning?
15. What was Carl Tiflin's reaction to Gitano's actions?

Chapter III: "The Promise"

1. What does Jody do the toads and other small animals he finds?
2. What promise does Jody make with his father?
3. How much money did Jody pay Jess Taylor?
4. What former experience keeps Billy Buck from promising Jody that everything will be okay?
5. Why was the black cypress tree by the bunkhouse a depressing place to Jody? What do you think the cypress represent?
6. In his daydreams, what was the name of Jody's colt ?
7. Why did Jody become so nervous in January?
8. How does Nellie's personality change while she is carrying the colt?
9. What problem arises when Nellie is ready to deliver her colt?
10. What did Billy have to do?
11. Why did Billy make this decision?
12. Why cannot Jody feel very happy about his new colt?

Chapter IV: "The Leader of the People"

1. What was Jody excited to find under the haystack?
2. What did he want to do once this discovery was made?
3. Why did Billy Buck want Jody to receive his father's permission to hunt mice?
4. What does Jody do to earn the name "Big Britches" from his parents?
5. Who was the letter from?
6. What did the letter say?
7. Why does Carl Tiflin dread a visit from his father-in-law?
8. What nick name did Mother keep calling Jody?
9. What is Mrs. Tiflin's reaction to Carl when eh grumbles about her father?
10. How did Mr. Tiflin hurt Grandfather's feelings?
11. Why did Grandfather really tell the same stories over and over?
12. What did Jody want to do to cheer Grandfather up?
13. When Jody is bragging to Billy Buck about killing mice, he says, *"I'll bet they're fat. I'll bet they don't know what's going to happen to them today."* Billy Buck replies, *"No, nor you either, nor me, nor anyone."* Why does this thought shock Jody?
14. Why did Grandfather really tell the same stories over and over?
15. Who was "the Leader of the People"?
16. What do you think this book was trying to teach?

