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***The Rock and the River* Reading Check**

**“Chapters 20-21**

**Directions:** Choose ***six*** out of the following seven questions to answer in ***complete sentences*.** If you answer more than eight questions, I may not have time to read all your answers. You can and should ***use your book***.

1. Why does Leroy believe that Sam should ***not*** go after the cop who shot Stick?
2. What is the significance of Roland asking Leroy to speak at Stick’s funeral?
3. What is motivating Sam to take revenge for Stick’s murder?
4. Is taking revenge a way of taking a stand against injustice? Why or why not?

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1. What motivates Sam to change his mind about taking revenge?
2. Leroy tells Sam, “You can’t be the rock and the river” and over the next couple pages he tells the story of the rock and the river to Sam (281). What does Leroy mean by being the rock or the river? What does each represent?
3. Why does Sam decide that he will be the river at the end of the book?