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

**“Chapters 10-12”**

**Directions:** Choose ***eight*** out of the following nine questions to answer in ***complete sentences*.** If you answer more than eight questions, I may not have time to read all your answers.

1. On page 156, Sam says, “How could I want so many things that didn’t match?” What things does Sam want and why don’t they match?
2. When Stick came home through the bedroom window one night, should Sam have told his parents? Why or why not?
3. Why does Leroy tell Sam that “the worst thing for someone to feel is hopeless”? (168)
4. Explain how the Panthers take a stand against injustice in this chapter. What are the pros and cons of their method?
5. Why won’t Maxie forgive Sam even after he apologizes?
6. What might the destruction of the block tower symbolize? (Remember that a symbol is a picture or an object that represents something else like an idea or a concept.)
7. What motivates Roland to just let Stick leave on page 179?
8. Why did The Black Panthers come to the protest even though they disagree about how to take a stand against injustice?
9. What motivates Sam to bring the gun to the protest and then actually draw it? Do you think he made the right choice? Why or why not?