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

**“Chapters 5-7”**

**Directions:** Choose ***eight*** out of the following eleven questions to answer in ***complete sentences*.** If you answer more than eight questions, I may not have time toread all your answers. You can and should ***use your book***. No one is testing your memory! We are working on comprehension, and good readers reread to make sure they comprehend.

1. What do The Black Panthers believe about how people should take a stand against injustice? (Hint: Reread The Black Panthers’ “Ten-Point Platform” on page 76. What do they think will correct injustices?)
2. Why doesn’t Roland want Stick protesting with The Black Panthers?
3. Why does Sam find a gun in his block tower?
4. What does Stick mean when he tells Sam “you can’t be the rock and the river”? (83)
5. What is motivating Stick and The Black Panthers to protest Bucky’s arrest if Bucky isn’t a Panther?
6. When Dr. King is shot, what motivates people to start rioting? What motivates Sam to almost join them? (What motivates him to stop at the last minute?)
7. Remember that Stick comes to Dr. King’s memorial service with the rest of his family, so the whole family is in the car on the way home. Sam thinks to himself, “They weren’t in the same car. They weren’t even on the same road” (108). Who and what is Sam referring to? What does he mean?
8. What motivates Sam to tell Maxie he’ll go to a Black Panthers’ meeting?
9. Explain the fight between Roland and Stick at the end of Chapter 7 (112-115). What are they arguing about and why does it get so bad that Stick would say, “Then I ain’t your son”? (113).
10. Did Roland kick Stick out of the house or did Stick choose to leave? Which is it and why?
11. At the end of chapter 5, when Roland and Sam start talking about taking a stand against injustice, Roland argues that things are changing but change takes time. He says, “Faith and perseverance got us this far. They’ll take us the rest of the way.” (91) After all your reading in this book so far, do you agree? Why or why not?