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

**“Chapters 8-9”**

**Directions:** Choose ***seven*** out of the following eight 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 Sam’s mama say that Stick is just like his father? In what way could she be right?
2. Remember that while Sam is at The Black Panthers’ meeting, a man named Leroy Jackson is running a political education class about how to bring about change. At one point another Panther throws Leroy a gun and Leroy makes a speech:

‘The revolution is not here,’ Leroy said, holding the gun aloft. ‘It’s here.’ He tapped his temple with his free hand…

‘We will ensure our freedom by any means necessary, but before we can go here’--he shook the gun-- ‘that freedom has to live here’--he pointed to his head--’and here’--he pointed to his chest. (125-126)

What does Leroy mean by this speech? What point is he trying to make to his audience?

1. According to Leroy on page 127, what might be a consequence of taking a stand against injustice?
2. Sam says that his parents almost never fight, so what motivates them to fight in Chapter 8? (Reread pages 133-136)
3. What motivated Sam to go to The Black Panther’s meeting even though it meant lying to his mother and upsetting his father? (Hint--there might be several forces motivating Sam. You also might try rereading 137-138)
4. We know already that Roland believes in taking a nonviolent stand against injustice. According to this chapter, what motivates Roland to take a nonviolent stand? What does he believe so much in nonviolence? (Try rereading 144-147)
5. What is motivating Sam to help his father with the protest?
6. Explain what Maxie and Sam fight about in this chapter.