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1. What is Jan’s reputation? Use text to support.

2. What is Peggy’s clue that Mary didn’t actually sleep in her bed on the night of her death?

3. Reread the bottom of page 129. Next time? Throw the murder in white people’s faces? Why? Why does Bigger feel this way?

4. What is Bessie’s reaction to Bigger’s roll of money? What does this say about her?

5. Reread the bottom of 136-137 “…by sending notes to them Bigger was not listening…”How is this behavior different than his behavior after the accidental murder?

6. Reread bottom of 138-139. How would you describe Bessie’s life?

7. What story does Bigger tell Bessie about Mary?

8. Describe Bessie’s line of questioning.

9. What is Bessie’s reaction to Bigger’s plan? What does this tell us about her?