Native Son pages 217-270

1. Reread bottom of 219 – “There was silence. Bigger stared without a thought or an image…” Discuss Bigger’s thought process.

2. What is Bigger’s impact on the black community of Chicago? Use text to support.

3. Discuss the new definition of “rape” according to our narrator.

4. Why does Bigger rape Bessie?

5. Why does Bigger feel that he needs to kill Bessie?

6. How does Bigger kill Bessie? How would you describe the means of this murder?

7. What does Bigger do with Bessie’s body?

8. Why does Bigger kill the police officer on the roof? How does he kill him?

9. How is Bigger caught?