The Sound and the Fury
by William Faulkner
Study and Comprehension Questions

Chapter 1: “April Seventh, 1928” (Benjy)

Multiple Choice

___ 1. Who climbs the tree outside the window at Damuddy’s funeral?
   A. Quentin  B. Caddy  C. Benjy  D. Jason  E. Luster

___ 2. Where does Father send the children the night of the funeral?
   A. to the meadow  B. to the barn  C. to Dilsey’s house  D. to town

___ 3. Who delivers letters to Mrs. Patterson for Uncle Maury?
   A. Roskus  B. T.P.  C. Benjy  D. Jason

___ 4. What was Benjy’s name before it was changed?
   A. Damuddy  B. Luster  C. Maury  D. Bascomb

___ 5. Which one of the Compson children gets dirty pants playing in the creek?
   A. Jason  B. Quentin  C. Benjy  D. Caddy

Short answer/Fill in

1. What does Benjy think Caddy smells like?

2. What problem does Benjy seem to have?

3. What does Luster want to spend a quarter on?

4. List two or three words, which describe a first impression of Caroline.

5. How old is Benjy in 1928—the time-frame for the narrative?
Benjy Losses: Short answer/Fill in

1. What does Caddy’s wedding take from Benjy?

2. Who does death take from Benjy?

3. What does Caroline take from Benjy?

4. What does Jason take from Benjy?

Chapter 2: “June Second, 1910” (Quentin)

Part One: Multiple Choice

____ 1. Where does Quentin first find the little girl?
   A. on the bus       B. at school   C. in the bakery   D. by the river

____ 2. What does Quentin break at the beginning of this chapter?
   A. his promise     B. his girlfriend’s heart  C. his watch   D. his lighter

____ 3. What does Quentin give Deacon to give to Shreve?
   A. a note           B. his watch   C. his lighter  D. a suit    E. money

____ 4. What got sold so that Quentin could go to Harvard?
   A. Compson’s Mile  B. Benjy’s pasture  C. Jason’s birthright

____ 5. Where was Quentin found with the little foreign girl who did not speak?
   A. in the bakery    B. on the trolley   C. at the bridge   D. on the road
Part Two: Short Answer/ Fill in

1. What odor did Quentin indicate made him feel like he was suffocating?

2. What sat unopened in Quentin's room?

3. Why did Quentin tell his father he had been guilty of incest?

4. With whom did Quentin start a fight to defend Caddy's honor?

5. Who did Caddy marry, and why?

Chapter 3: "April Sixth, 1928" (Jason)

Part One: Multiple Choice

___ 1. In this section of the novel, who is the head of the Compson family?
   A. Dilsey  B. Miss Caroline  C. Miss Quentin  D. Jason

___ 2. What does Jason make Miss Quentin sign?
   A. a will  B. a letter to her mother  C. a letter committing Benjy  D. a money order

___ 3. Where does Jason work?
   A. stock broker  B. feed & supply store  
   C. land agency  D. on his own land as a farmer

___ 4. Where did Jason want to send Benjy?
   A. to town to get a job  B. to Jackson to be institutionalized
   C. to live with Caddy  D. to live with Dilsey

___ 5. What did Jason have Caroline burn?
   A. a check from Caddy  B. a birth certificate for Miss Quentin
   C. an old letter from Quentin  D. the title to Compson's Mile

Part Two: Short Answer/ Fill In

1. Where is it that Jason and Caroline expect Miss Quentin to be?

2. Where has Jason been spending his money?

3. What is the unethical/unfair source of much of Jason's money?
4. How did Jason recognize the man who he saw Miss Quentin with?

5. Who is Jason's boss?

Chapter 4: "April Eighth, 1928" (Dilsey)

Part One: Multiple Choice

1. Which one of the Compsons goes to church with Dilsey?
   - A. Benjy
   - B. Miss Caroline
   - C. Jason
   - D. Miss Quentin

2. On what religious holiday is Dilsey described (in this section) attending church?
   - A. Easter
   - B. Christmas
   - C. Epiphany
   - D. none

3. Who went into Jason's room?
   - A. Dilsey
   - B. Caroline
   - C. Miss Quentin
   - D. No one

4. When does Jason discover the theft?
   - A. the same day
   - B. next week
   - C. her real father
   - D. with herself

5. With whom does Miss Quentin run off?
   - A. her mother
   - B. a circus man
   - C. her real father

Part Two: Short Answer/Fill In

1. What did Jason do after the discovery of the theft?

2. Who was the preacher at the church service which Dilsey attended?

3. What does Luster give Benjy to hold while sitting in the carriage?

4. Who is Benjy's "watcher" in this section of the novel?

5. Why did the sheriff not chase after Miss Quentin as Jason demanded him to do?

For additional resources to assist you with reading this novel and answering these questions, please go to www.pmsd.org on the Academics link under "Summer Reading"
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First words of Scene
1 Through the Fence Present
3 Caddy uncaught me Dec. 23
3 It's too cold Dec. 23
5 What are you Present
5 What is it. Dec. 23
8 Can't you shut up Present
9 Git in, now, Trip to cemetery
13 Cry baby, Present
13 Keep your hands Dec. 23
14 Mr. Patterson End of P. affair
15 They aint nothing Present
19 And Roskus came Damuddy's death
22 What is the matter Present
22 Roskus came Damuddy's death
23 See you all Present
23 If we go slow Damuddy's Death
23 The cows came Caddy's Wedding
26 At the top Damuddy's Death
33 There was a fire Quentin's Death
34 Taint no luck Quentin's Death
35 Take him and Death of Mr. C.
38 You can't go yet Mr. C.'s funeral
38 Come on, Present
38 Frony and T.P. Damuddy's Death
56 It was two Caddy in Swing
58 I kept a telling Present
62 You can't do Benjy at gate
63 How did he B. attacks girl
63 It was open B. attacks girl
64 And the bright Castration
64 Here, loony, Present
68 What you want Name Change
68 Aint you shamed Present
69 I could hear Name Change
70 I ate some Present
71 That's right Name Change
71 The long wire Present
74 Your name is Name Change
75 Caddy said, "Let Damuddy's Death
75 Versh set me Name Change
76 Mother's sick Damuddy's Death
76 We could hear Name Change
80 Jason came in. Present
80 You can look Name Change
81 Disley said, Present
81 We could hear Name Change
81 Quentin said, Present
82 I could hear Name Change
83 Disley said, Present
84 Versh said, Name Change
89 They moaned Death of Roskus
39 "Oh." Caddy said Damuddy's Death
39 Disley moaned Death of Roskus
40 I like to know Damuddy's Death
40 The bones rounded Death of Mr. C.
42 I had it Present
42 Do you think Damuddy's Death
44 When we looked Caddy's Wedding
45 A snake crawled Damuddy's Death
45 You aint got Caddy's Wedding
45 We stopped Damuddy's Death
45 They getting Caddy's Wedding
46 They haven't Damuddy's Death
47 I saw them. Caddy's Wedding
48 Benjy, Caddy said, C. uses perfume
51 Come on, now Benjy, 13
52 Uncle Maury was End of P. affair
53 You a big boy. Benjy, 13
54 Caddy smelled Damuddy's Death
55 Where you want Present
56 The kitchen was Caddy in Swing
56 Luster came Present
56 It was dark Caddy in Swing
56 Come away Present
84 We could hear Loss virginity
84 Versh said, Name changed
85 We were in Loss virginity
85 What are you Present
85 Versh said, Name changed
86 Has he got Present
86 Stream came off Name changed
86 Now, now, Present
86 It got down Name changed
87 Yes he will, Present
87 Roskus said, Name changed
87 You've been Present
87 Then I don't Name changed
87 Ob, I wouldn't Present
87 She sulling Name changed
87 Quentin pushed Present
87 Mother's sick Name changed
88 Goddamn you Present
88 Caddy gave me Name changed
88 She smelled Present
89 We didn't go Damuddy's Death
90 Quentin, Present
90 Quentin and Damuddy's Death
90 I got undressed Present
91 There were two Damuddy's Death
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The summer in which Caddy’s loses her virginity includes several important scenes: (1) After Caddy begins seeing Dalton Ames, Mr. Compson accuses Quentin of spying on her; Quentin denies doing so, Mr. Compson apologizes and talks to Quentin about Mrs. Compson and other matters; (2) Benjy smells Caddy’s loss of virginity, Quentin confronts Caddy at the creek; (3) Quentin meets Dalton Ames on the bridge; (4) Mrs. Compson and Caddy leave for French Lick; (5) Quentin tries unsuccessfully; they talk about suicide, the ravages of time, etc.

Guide to the Scene Shifts: For Reference Only

Quentin’s thought association is rapid, and many of his memories are fused. The following are attempts to identify references to major scenes, such as “She ran right out of the mirror,” a reference to Caddy’s Wedding. Many of Quentin’s thoughts, however, are not associated with remembered scenes. These thoughts, such as “Jason furnished the flour,” are identified as thoughts about someone or something.

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117 A face reproachable Loss virginity
117 Hats not unbleached Present
118 I wouldn't have Loss virginity
118 Trampling my Present
118 I will not have Loss virginity
118 The chimes began Present
118 Think I would have Loss virginity
119 I walked upon Present
119 Feeling Father Loss virginity
119 He was coming Present
124 Lying on the Caddy's Wedding
124 He took one look Loss virginity
124 The street lamps Loss virginity
124 The chimes ceased Present
124 go down the hill Loss virginity
124 Uncle Maury Uncle M., Jason
124 Why'n you keep D's Death — Jason
124 Rolling his head Uncle M., Jason
124 Shreve was coming Present
125 The street lamps Loss virginity
126 The car came up Present
126 Your Mother's dream Pasture Sold
126 What have I done Loss virginity
128 If that was the Present
129 Who would play Loss virginity
139 At last I couldn't Present
140 Told me the bone Q., breaks leg
140 Even sound seemed Present
141 Niggers. Louis Hunting trip
142 Got to Marry Eve of Wedding
143 I began to feel Present
142 Caddy that Eve of Wedding
143 Versh told me Castration image
143 And father said Loss virginity
143 Where the shadow Present
144 If it could just Clean Flam Image
144 The arrow increased Present
149 Caddy that blackguard Meets Herbert
149 Their voices came Present
151 Why must you Eve of Wedding
151 Let's go up to Present
152 Say it to father Eve of Wedding
152 Ah, come on Present
152 It is because Loss virginity
152 He paid me no Present
152 That blackguard Meets Herbert
153 Do you like fishing Present
153 Caddy that blackguard Eve of Wedding
153 The boy turned Present
153 Else have I thought Eve of Wedding
153 Some days in late Present
153 But now I know Eve of Wedding
153 The buggy was drawn Present
154 On what on your Eve of Wedding
154 His white shirt Present
154 Sold the Pasture Eve of Wedding
154 One minute she was Loss virginity
155 When you opened Present
159 Seen the doctor Eve of Wedding
159 Because women Loss virginity
160 You'd better take Present
160 Getting the odour Loss virginity
160 We reached the Present
166 Getting honeysuckle Loss virginity
166 What did you let Caddy kisses boy
166 The wall went Present
166 Not a dirty girl Caddy kisses boy
167 It was raining Natalie Scene
167 She walked just Present
167 I bet I can Natalie Scene
167 We went on Present
168 It's like dancing Natalie Scene
168 The road went on Present
169 I hold to use Natalie Scene
169 We began to hear Present
169 Stay mad. Natalie Scene
I could still see Present
The street lamps Eve of Wedding
Then they told me Q breaks leg

We lay in the Natalie Scene
There's town Present
And the water Natalie Scene
Then we heard Present
Ever do that Loss Virginity
They do, when Present
Her knees her face Loss Virginity
Beer, too Present
Like a thin wash Loss Virginity
You're not a Present
Him between us Loss Virginity
No, I'm Canadian Present
Talking about him Gerald and Ames
I adore Canada Present
With one hand Loss Virginity
"No, " Shreve said Present
Running the beast Sex image
How many Caddy Eve of Wedding
Neither did I Present
I don't know Eve of Wedding
Father I have Loss Virginity
And Gerald's Present
We did how can Loss Virginity
Never be got to Present
Did you love them Eve of Wedding
One minute she was Loss Virginity
It kept on running Present
The first car Meets Herbert
That's what Jason Jason

Benjamin, Benjamin Name Change
It took a lot Present
Seeing on the Image: Ride back to Bridge
I turned out Present
After they had Loss Virginity
When I was little Boyhood memory
Then the honeysuckle Loss Virginity
Hands can see Boyhood memory
My nose could see Present
Yet the eyes Boyhood memory
It was empty too Present
Hands can see Boyhood memory
I returned up Present
Aren't you ever Announcement
I am. Drink. Present Fused thoughts
As soon as she Loss virginity
Staying downstairs Uncle M.'s black eye
The three quarters Present
And that's it if Caddy with boys
And he we must Loss Virginity
The last note Present