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American Studies English

*The Color Purple*

**Guided Reading Questions**

**Pages 119-140**

As you read *The Color Purple*, respond to the following questions. These questions will help you identify key ideas and details from the text. **When you respond,** **please write down the page number where you located the answer to each question.**  This will help you during activities, writing assignments, and class discussions.

1. Why does Shug walk with Mr. to the mailbox?
2. Where are the stamps on the letter from?
3. Why do you think Shug takes the razor from Celie?
4. Why does Celie compare herself to Sofia?
5. What is Shug’s real name, and why is she called Shug?
6. What are some things Albert used to do when he went out with Shug?
7. Why do you think Shug wanted Albert to choose her?
8. How did Shug treat Annie Julia?
9. While Shug is telling Celie stories from the past, Celie comments “I know what I’m thinking bout, I think. Nothing. And as much of it as I can” (122). Why do you think Celie is trying to repress her emotions?
10. Where has Albert been hiding the letters?
11. In the first letter from Nettie on page 126, Nettie describes her last day at Albert’s house. What happened?
12. Who did Nettie go to for help?
13. What kind of work do Corrine and Samuel do?
14. How does the opportunity for Nettie to travel to Africa come about?
15. Why does Nettie praise Miss Beasley?
16. What are Corrine and Samuel building in Africa?
17. Why do you think that Nettie keeps her identity as Olivia and Adam’s aunt a secret?
18. What does Nettie tell Celie about the pictures in the bible?
19. What does Nettie notice about the people in Harlem?
20. How do the people of Harlem feel about Africa?
21. Why does Nettie’s heart drop after being at the society?
22. What is the goal of the mission?
23. What does Nettie learn about in England?
24. What does Nettie say the people in Africa are suffering from today?