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American Studies English

*The Color Purple*

**Guided Reading Questions**

**Pages 217-240**

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 Celie go back to Harpo and Sofia’s?
2. Why does Harpo say that Mary Agnes is not the same?
3. What does Celie notice about how Mr. has changed?
4. What about Harpo’s behavior makes Sofia want to rekindle her relationship with him?
5. What causes Mr.’s mental health to improve?
6. Who does Nettie marry?
7. What hardships do the Olinkas endure as a result of colonization?
8. While Nettie and Samuel are on their way to England to seek help for the Olinkas, they meet a woman named Doris Baines. Even though Doris appears to care about the welfare of the Africans, she also comments “I am a very wealthy woman and I *own* the village of Akwee”(231). What can you infer about attitude concerning the Africans from this DQ?
9. Why do Nettie and Samuel leave the bishop’s without even a word about the Olinka’s problems?
10. Samuel reflects on a time before he and Corrine were married. Corrine’s Aunt Theodosia told a story about a medal that was presented to her by King Leopold of Belgium. What does the guest at her home, Edward DuBoyce, say about Leopold and the medal?
11. What cultural rituals is Tashi planning on partaking in?