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American Studies English

*The Color Purple*

**Guided Reading Questions**

**Pages 277-288**

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 Tashi initially refuse to marry Adam?
2. What does Adam do to make Tashi feel more comfortable about her face?
3. Why does Celie hire Sofia to work in her store?
4. Why does Eleanor Jane help Sofia out with Henrietta and how does her family feel about it?
5. In the conversation Mr. has with Celie on pgs. 282-283, what character traits does Mr. demonstrate he has developed?
6. When Shug arrives at Celie’s home, Celie takes her on a tour of her room. What is significant about the color of Celie’s room?
7. Celie addresses her letter on pg. 285 by saying, “Dear God. Dear stars, dear trees, dear sky, dear peoples, Dear Everything. Dear God” (285). How has Celie’s view of God developed?
8. What does Celie call Mr. on page 285? What is significant about this?
9. Who gets out of the car while Celie, Albert, and Shug are sitting on the porch after dinner?
10. Why does Harpo say it is appropriate to have a family reunion on July 4th?
11. Compare the end of the novel to the beginning. How has Celie changed?