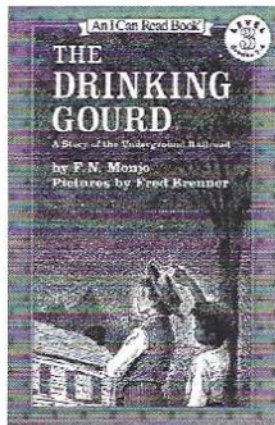


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1. Why did Tommy tie his fishing line to the apple and throw it out the window?

2. How did Tommy's father react?

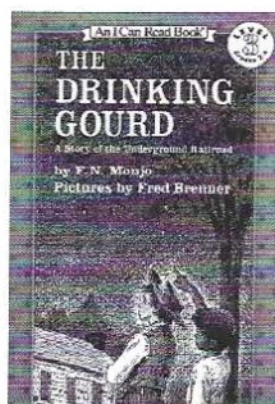


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Chapter Two: The Runaways

1. What is Tommy thinking about as he walks home? Why is he thinking about it?

2. What happens in the barn? Who does Tommy find? Why are they there?

3. How did Little Jeff's family get to Tommy's house?

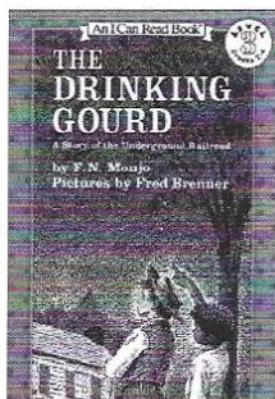


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Chapter Three: On the Underground Railroad

1. What is the Underground Railroad?

2. Why does Father say that men will be sent to try to catch Little Jeff and his family?

3. Why does Father ask Tommy to keep their visitors a secret?



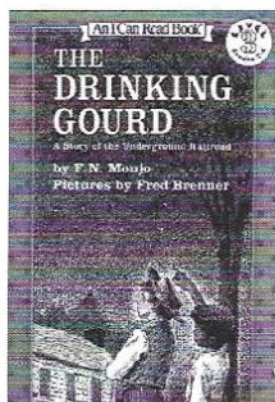
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Chapter Four: The Searching Party

1. Who is the U.S. Marshal looking for? Why?

2. When Tommy says, "You won't find anything but *hay* in this wagon" (pg. 43) is he being truthful?

3. How does Tommy rescue Little Jeff & his family?

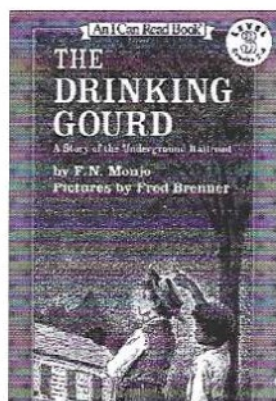


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Chapter Five: Over the River

1. How did father help Little Jeff & his family?

2. What do you think happened to the boat?

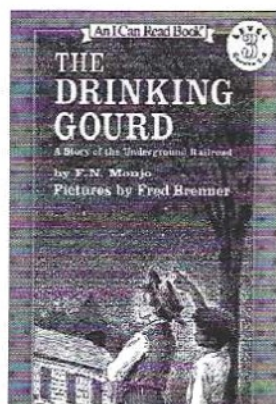


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Chapter Six: The Lawbreakers

1. Describe Father & Tommy's conversation. What did they talk about?

2. Why does Tommy hope that Little Jeff & his family will get to Canada?



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What is each part of a railroad in the Underground Railroad?

Stations	
Passengers	
Conductors	
Why is it "underground"?	

What is another name for the drinking gourd? _____

Why was it important for slaves who were trying to escape?

