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1. What used to happen at the town picnic in Green Lake? **On the 4th of July, they had a picnic and would play games, dance, sing and swim in the lake.**
2. What was Katherine Barlow famous for at the time? **Katherine Barlow was famous for her spiced peaches.**
3. How did Charles Walker come to earn the nickname 'Trout'? **Charles Walker got his nickname "Trout" because his two feet smelled like dead fish.**
4. Why did so many men attend Katherine Barlow's classes? **Most men attended the classes because they were more interested in Katherine than in getting an education.**
5. Why did everyone expect Katherine Barlow to marry Trout? **Everyone expected Kate to marry Trout because he was the son of the richest man in the county.**
6. Why was Trout surprised by Kate's rejection? **Trout was surprised by Kate's rejection because he was used to always getting what he wanted.**
7. What kind of a person do you think Kate Barlow was? Why? **Teacher check.**
8. Why does Mr Sir become so angry? **Mr Sir became angry because the left side of his face had swollen to the size of half a cantaloupe.**
9. Why does Stanley concentrate extra hard on his work that day? **Stanley concentrated extra hard on his digging that day because he wanted to get away from Mr. Sir as fast as possible.**
10. How does Mr Sir punish Stanley? **Mr Sir punished Stanley by filling up the canteens of all the other boys and then pouring Stanley's water on to the ground leaving him with an empty canteen.**
11. How does Sam explain the donkey's old age? **Sam claims that his donkey's diet of raw onions is the reason it has lived so to be so old.**
12. What does Doc Hawthorn use Sam's onions for? **Doc Hawthorn used Sam's onions to try to get the hair on his head to grow.**
13. Why is Sam not allowed to attend classes? **Sam wasn't allowed to attend the classes because he was black.**
14. How does Kate manage to spend more time with Sam? **Kate spent more time with Sam because she would usually stay after class to grade papers and Sam would be there at that time to fix the roof.**
15. What, do you think, does Hattie Parker mean when she says that God will punish Kate and Sam? **Teacher check.**