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Shane: Chapter 14

Define the following vocabulary:

- 1) Crescent
- 2) Inevitable
- 3) Moderate
- 4) Defiance
- 5) Implacable
- 6) Impaled
- 7) Silhouetted

Comprehension Questions:

- 1) Why does Bob feel a sudden pain when he sees Shane with his saddle roll?
- 2) When Red Marlin sees Shane, what does he do? Why does he do this?
- 3) The text says Chris sees Shane and then, “straightened his shoulders and over his face came a slow smile, warm and friendly, the smile of a man who knows his own mind at last.” What has Chris made up his mind about? Why do you think he has decided this?
- 4) What does Stark Wilson think of Shane? Pick out the best quote that proves your point and write it out here.
- 5) After the fight, Shane says that he “gave him his chance...” he says this, “out of the depths of a great sadness.” Why do you think Shane is sad about the fight?

6) Why do you think Shane tells Bob that he could have gotten Stark Wilson faster if he had been in practice?

7) According to Shane, why does he have to leave the valley?

Choose one of the following quotes to explain. Consider how these quotes affect our understanding of Bob, Shane, the concept of toughness, or anything else significant from the story.

“He was tall and terrible there in the road, looming up gigantic in the mystic half-light. He was the man I saw that first day, a stranger, dark and forbidding, forging his lone way out of an unknown ast in the utter loneliness of hi own immovable and instinctive defiance. He was the symbol of all the dim, formless imaginings of danger and terror in the untested realm of human potentialities beyond my understanding. The impact of the menace that marked him was like a physical blow.”

“How could one describe it, the change that came over him? Out of the mysterious resources of his will the vitality came. It came creeping, a tide of strength that crept through him and fought and shoot off the weakness. It shone in his eyes and they were alive again and alert. It welled up in him, sending that familiar power surging through him again until it was singing again in every vibrant line of him.”