

- 5) Why do you think Marian watches the men through a window in the barn?

- 6) The two men do not speak while working on the stump. Why do you think that is?

- 7) Why do you think the men refuse to use a horse to take the stump out?

- 8) What does Shane mean when he says, "Yes, that's the best piece of stump I've ever tasted."?

Choose one of the following questions to answer:

- 9) Explain the significance of the following quote: "The silence was clean and wholesome, and this was one of the things you could never forget whatever time might do to you in the furrowing of the years, an old stump on its side with root ends making a strange pattern against the glow of the sun sinking behind the far mountains and two men looking over it into each other's eyes."

- 10) After working on the stump all day, Joe says he is, "rested now. I don't believe any man since the world began was ever more rested." Explain the significance of this quote.