

Reading test

Welcome to the novel 'Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter' by Tom Franklin. Make sure you have fully completed the novel to answer the following questions. Good luck!

1. The title's crooked letter is a memory trick for the letter 's'.
2. Larry's profession is being a mechanic.
3. Who is the following quote from: "I was in school with him's all. Knew him a little way back when"? Silas
4. Underline which adjectives describe Larry best:
 - religious
 - modest
 - vain
 - lonely
 - infatuated
 - caring
5. Underline which adjectives describe Silas best:
 - rational
 - ambitious
 - shy
 - sensitive
 - hard-boiled
 - persistent
6. The place where Mrs. Ott spends her days:
 - geriatric hospital
 - nursing home
 - residence for the elderly
7. Mrs. Ott suffers from dementia/ Alzheimer's/ Alzheimer's disease .
8. When Silas and his mother first come to Chabot they live in a hunting cabin .
9. Irina, Marsha and Olivia are examples of people who are disrespectfully called white trash.

10. Connect the characters with the suitable facts.

Larry Ott

- asthma
- bullied at
- caring
- competing
- half-brother
- horror books
- rejected
- stutter
- white

Silas '32' Jones

- baseball
- constable
- half-brother
- no clear conscience
- uprooted

Alice Jones

- black
- single mother

Carl Ott

- had an affair with consequences
- turns alcoholic

Ina Ott

- deteriorating health

Cindy Walker

- has a secret boyfriend
- plans an escape

Roy French

- a Vietnam veteran
- chief investigator

Wallace Stringfellow

- knows how to handle snakes
- occasionally visits Larry
- strange young fellow

11. The town clerk, Miss Voncille, sends Silas to somebody's mailbox because of a rattlesnake .

12. The name of the missing 19-year-old college student is Tina Rutherford .

13. Larry offers Silas

- his coat.
- a rifle.
- a baseball.
- school material.
- his gloves.

14. Silas lives in a trailer/ mobile home .

15. Larry adapts to the fierce racism of the other white boys from school when he calls Silas a nigger after being overwhelmed by Silas during the boys' fight.

16. When Cecil harasses Cindy

- Silas interferes and tells him to leave the girl alone.
- Carl Ott tries to calm his neighbour down.
- the boys keep quiet, huddle on the ground by the edge of the woods.

17. Leafing through old photographs Silas finds a photo showing his mother holding Larry as a baby.

18. Cindy may have been pregnant/ with child/ expecting at the time of her death.

19. Which feelings does Carl show towards his son having a date?

- discomfort
- confusion
- relief
- pride

20. Who does Silas confide in that he used to be friends with Larry? Angie .

21. When Silas goes into the old cabin he discovers a grave with a corpse/ dead body .

22. During his conversation with Wallace, Larry does not admit to anything about rape or murder. This is why Wallace becomes furious and damages Larry's pickup .

23. When Cindy and Silas finally met, they argued. Cindy wanted to leave for Chicago, but Silas refused/ declined/ said no .

24. Who did Cindy meet after being brought by Larry?

- an unknown man
- Silas
- the Rutherford Mill's heir
- an older school mate

25. Silas finally tells Larry that they are half-brothers .

26. When Wallace Stringfellow's home is searched the police find

- firearms.
- pills.
- a baseball.
- the zombie mask.
- cocaine.
- the killed girl's wallet.

27. The fact that while Larry is at hospital Silas takes care of Larry's house and the chickens shows that Silas has a bad conscience .

28. Why does Larry walk the long miles to his shop?

- There is no taxi service.
- Silas is late.
- He does not have any money.
- He wants to avoid the reporters.

29. During the ride home Silas and Larry talk about

- the chickens.
- nothing.
- Larry's injuries.

30. The reason why Larry wants to call Silas the next morning is

- to thank him for the satellite television.
- to talk about their past.
- to make him get a carburetor.