VI. Teacher Lady

Answer these questions in complete sentences and be prepared to explain.

1. Name all the improvements that facilitate life after the Poms had bought Hackberry.	Together with the new ranch they have enough land to feed their cattle in summer and winter, a well and a windmill to pump up water. They lay out a pipe to supply their house with fresh water, Lily even decorates their new house
2. How does Lily try to make money to be able to buy a ranch of their own?	They live very frugally, collect empty bottles. Lily tries to write stories but is unable to sell them. Learning how to fly seems to be another "investment" in her future, and then she starts teaching again.
3. Why is Lily ultimately fired?	She teaches the kids about suffragettes, the 21th Amendment, totalitarian countries, the freedoms and opportunities in America. She also makes use of her revolver when she is menaced by the Mormon patriarch, Uncle Eli.
4. What other job does she take on?	She drives a school bus, teaches a class and ferries people around. Money is piling up.
5. There are several examples of her "teaching somebody a lesson". Explain.	Rosemary had dishonestly complained about feeling unwell and has to spend the night in the hospital in a room by herself; the Brooklyn ladies learn their lesson when she drives recklessly and the car lands upside down ("exactly like I'd planned" p.136,ll.23); she slaps one of her students in the face for kissing Rosemary and when he slaps back, she beats him up and, as a consequence, is fired. "This is getting almost predictable" (Jim, p.139,ll.23)
6. What is her reaction to being laid off again?	She is" bound and determined to show folks that Deputy Johnson hadn't broken my spirit". (p.140,ll. 23ff). She sows herself a red dress made from the living room curtains, has Jim chauffeur her to the opening night of "Gone with the wind" and gets out of the car like a movie star waving grandly at the crowd and the Deputy. She gets her own back on him.

VII The Garden of Eden

Answer these questions in complete sentences and be prepared to explain.

1. Give three aspects that you like about the way Rosemary and Little Jim are growing up.	After school, which they hate, they lead wild and independent, sometimes hazardous lives. When injured they are told to "tough it out" (p.144,l. 26). At boarding school they behave the same way and are regarded as "a misfit" or "rambunctious" respectively. Lily takes them home again. She herself had earned her college degree in the meantime.
2. In what ways does WWII affect their lives? – Give at least three aspects.	They worry more about rain than about the war. Apart from the shortage of gasoline there is little impact. When her dad is dying she ingratiates herself with truckers on the way to Tucson and back with his body to get gas coupons.
3. What does she find out when she goes through her dad's papers?	He owed a lot of back taxes and she has to choose between selling her inheritance and digging into the money she had earned. Having seen the Madonna of the Trail and thus being very impressed by her perseverance, she decides to pay off the taxes and hold on to the land her dad had homesteaded.
4. How does Rosemary feel about living on the ranch?	She feels sorry for the cattle secretly siding with them and helping them to escape. Although she shows that she CAN butcher a cow she is simply not cut out for this kind of work.
5. What do the ladies from the Arizona Department of Education feel about Native Americans?	They see them as "savages" that have to be looked after and taught the white man's ways. They refuse to eat their food and think they live under unhygienic conditions. The Indian children are trained for low-income jobs like porters, janitors. "But they just end up unfit for both the valley and the world outside". (Fidel, p.161,l.8)
6. What impression does Rosemary get from this	She has a rather romantic idea about it and considers life on the reservation and in the wilderness as "the Garden of Eden" although she is being

trip to the Indian reservation?	warned about it by her mother.
7. Lily punishes Rosemary after she has taken a swim at night. Explain why?	The ladies from the Bureau of Indian Affairs disapprove of her behavior and Lily feels she has to prove that she is able to meet their educational demands, so they wouldn't think her unfit to be a teacher.
8. What exactly did Rosemary learn from this experience?	"All I learned is that when I have children, I'm never going to whip them". (p. 162,l. 21). Lily packs her off to boarding school, obviously not able to cope with a teenage daughter.
9. Why does the family move to Phoenix, Arizona?	The Poms decide to sell the ranch and Lily cannot afford to buy it.