

Emmet's Storm

Discussion Questions/ Story Starters

Easy to use for language arts, social studies, or integrated with science

1. At the beginning, how can you tell what interests Emmet? How does he react to people shushing him?
2. How does Emmet feel about his mom, and what does he do about it?
3. How old do you think Emmet is, and why?
4. Emmet keeps a notebook. How does that notebook help him learn? How does it help his loneliness?
5. How does Emmet use his free time? How does his life compare to yours in that way?
6. In the friendship between Emmet and Tom, who do you think is the leader? Who is smarter? Why?
7. Why do you think many of Emmet's schemes fail? Would you give up if it happened to you? Why Doesn't Emmet give up?
8. What do you think of the penance Emmet and Tom have to do to make up for setting fire to Mr. Brady's wagon?
9. Emmet's father, Hiram, seems to like Miss Kelly. If he married Miss Kelly, how would that affect Emmet?
10. When Cyril goes home in the storm, why does no one seem to worry about him?
11. How do you think the Hoffmann boys feel about Emmet? About the school? About themselves?
12. Why would Emmet climb up on the roof in the storm, knowing the roof was slippery and he fell off before?
13. Why did Cyril learn to read so quickly after he got hurt?
14. What character do you like best and why?
15. What do you think Emmet will be when he grows up? Why?