

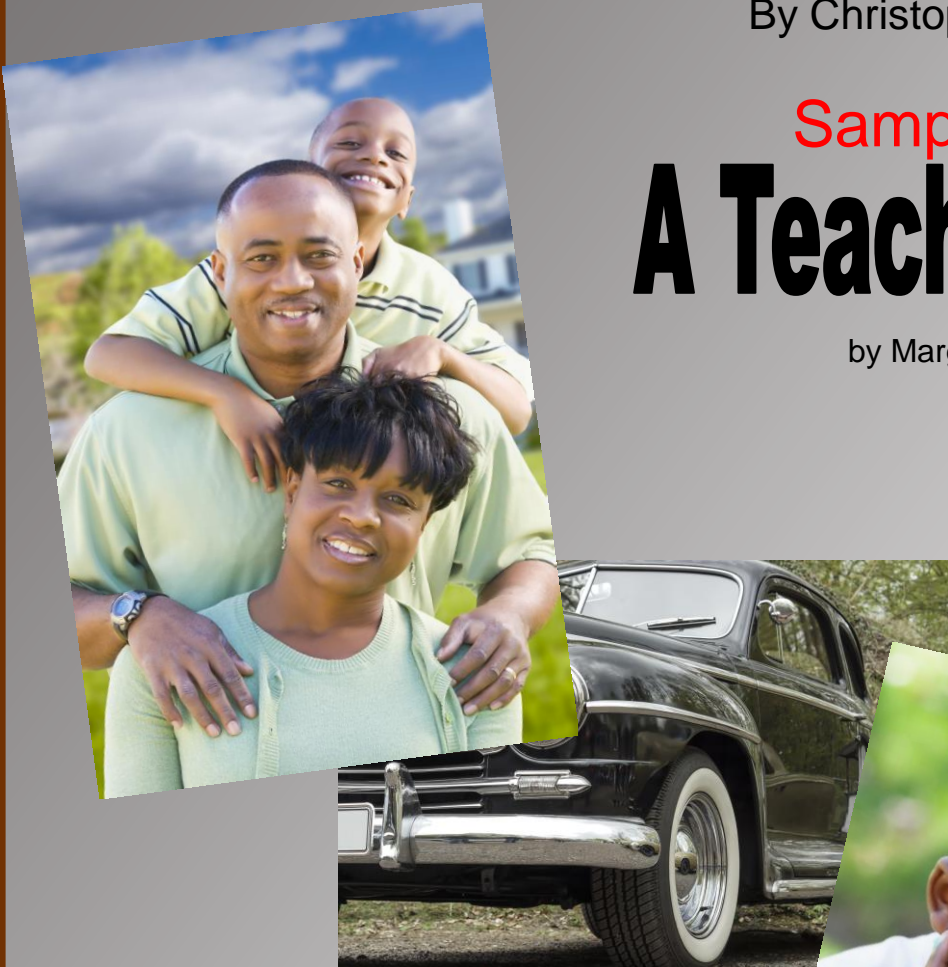
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Kenny isn't surprised that his family is known as the Weird Watsons.

His father is a cut up.  
His Alabama mother thinks the Flint cold can kill you.

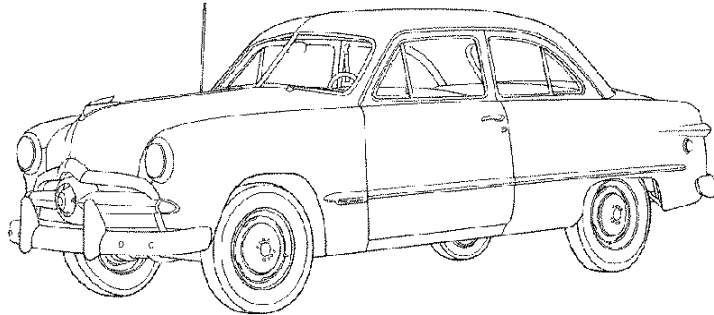
His older brother Byron is a juvenile delinquent and a bully.

His little sister Joetta is everybody's favorite.  
She cries and whines and sticks up for Byron.

Kenny is really smart, and he has a lazy eye.  
Both conditions get him picked on.

And then one day,  
Momma and Dad sentence out-of-control Byron  
to a summer with Grandma Sands in Alabama.

Dad outfits the family car with new parts  
and an Ultra-Glide drive-around record player.



Finally, with the whole family packed inside the Brown Bomber,  
in one, long non-stop drive,  
***The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963***

where Kenny encounters  
Grandma Sands,  
the Wool Pooh,  
and a life-changing day.

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## Chapter Summaries

### 1. And You Wonder Why We Get Called the Weird Watsons

- On a super-duper-cold Saturday, the Watsons sit close together on the couch huddled together under a blanket. The thermostat is turned up, the furnace is making loud noises, but it's freezing in the house.
- On the couch are Kenny, his little sister, Joetta, Momma, Dad, and Byron.
- Momma is on the outside. She is the only Watson who wasn't born in Flint, and the cold bothers her the most. She blames Dad for bringing her from Alabama to Michigan, which she calls a giant icebox. She shoots bad looks at him.
- Byron sits beside Dad, but there is a little space between them. At thirteen, Byron is an official teenage juvenile delinquent. He doesn't want to touch anybody or be touched.
- Dad turns on the TV to try to help the family forget how cold it is, but a forecast of temperatures in the mid-seventies in Atlanta, Georgia, gets him in trouble. Atlanta is a hundred and fifty miles from Momma's home.
- Momma says she should have listened to Moses Henderson.
- The Watson children want to hear about Moses. Momma says Dad should make sure he gets all the facts right. Joey and Kenny start smiling. Byron tries to look cool and bored. The Watson children know their dad is about to cut up.
- Dad says the children came close to having Hambone Henderson for a daddy. The man's head was lumpy and shaped like a hambone, and he had proposed to their mother about the same time Dad did. Instead of being a little cool, they could have gone through life as Hambonettes.
- Momma puts her hand over her mouth, something she does to cover the gap between her teeth when she is about to smile. The whole family is cracking up.
- Dad talks Southern-style to imitate Hambone's warnings to Momma about moving to Flint, where people live in igloos. There are no colored people. Almost everybody is Chinese.
- Momma says if she had listened to Moses the children might have had lumpy heads, but they would have been warm in Birmingham. Life is slower there and the people are friendlier.
- Dad reminds everyone about the "Coloreds Only" bathroom in downtown Birmingham.
- Momma knows things aren't perfect there, but people are honest about the way they feel. She looks at Byron and adds that folks in Birmingham know how to respect their parents.
- Dad calls the landlord again, but the phone is still busy. It will be too cold for the family to stay in the house through the night. The family cheers when Dad calls Aunt Cydney, and she tells them to hurry over. She has a new furnace.
- Dad goes out to start the Brown Bomber, the family's 1948 Plymouth. He returns, smiles, and pulls two ice scrapers out of his pocket. Kenny and Byron moan and groan, but they go outside to scrape the Brown Bomber's windows.
- Kenny knows Byron is going to try to get out of doing his share of the work, and he warns his brother that he is not going to do all the work. He begins scraping the passenger side window. He doesn't hear any sound coming from the other side of the car. He calls out to warn Byron that he is going to do only half the windshield.
- Byron tells his brother to shut his stupid mouth. He has something more important to do.
- Kenny peeks around the car. Byron has scraped the rearview mirror, and he is looking at himself. Seeing Kenny, he declares that he must be adopted. There is no way people as ugly as Kenny's parents could have had someone as sharp as him.
- Kenny goes back to work on his side of the car. When he stops for a rest, he hears Byron mumbling his name, but Kenny knows it is a trick. It is going to be How to Survive a Blizzard, Part Two.
- Kenny had learned the game of How to Survive a Blizzard the night before when he was outside playing in the snow. Byron and his buddy, Buphead, who has been a juvenile

# Word Lists with Definitions

(Some words may appear on pages other than those indicated.)

## Set One: Chapter 1-Chapter 4

### Twenty-six Words

- generate** To bring into existence; to cause to be; produce; create. (p. 1)
- juvenile** A young person; a youth; of, pertaining to, characteristic of, or suitable or intended for young persons; childish; immature. (p. 2, 8, 168)
- delinquent** Guilty of a misdeed or offense; irresponsible; criminal; past-due; overdue; (p. 2, 8, 168)
- negative** *Mathematics* minus; involving or noting subtraction; lacking in constructiveness, helpfulness, or optimism; expressing dislike or a refusal to do something; no; contradictory; adverse; against. (p. 2)
- respectable** Of good social standing or reputation; worthy of being held in esteem or in a place of honor; admirable; good; honest. (p. 4)
- pouting** Protruding one's lips to express displeasure or disagreement; behaving in a sullen or disagreeable manner; moping; scowling; sulking; (p. 7, 77) *pouted* (p.49, 168)
- hacking** Cutting or chopping with repeated or irregular blows; breaking up the surface of. (p. 7)
- flunked** Failed to get a passing mark; failed; dropped out. (p. 11, 20)
- passionate** Expressing, showing, or marked by intense emotion or strong feeling; amorous; loving; romantic. (p. 14)
- hilarious** Extremely funny; arousing great merriment; amusing; laughable; sidesplitting. (p. 14, 165)
- punk** (1) A young ruffian; hoodlum; something or someone worthless or unimportant; (2) dry, decayed wood that can be used as tinder; any prepared substance, usually in stick form, that can smolder and be used to light fireworks, fuses, etc. (p. 20)
- hostile** Not friendly, warm, or generous; of, pertaining to, or characteristic of an enemy; opposed in feeling, action, or character; antagonistic; mean; spiteful; unkind; hateful; malicious. (p. 23)
- vital** Of critical importance; affecting the existence, well-being, truth, etc. of something; necessary for the continuation of life; crucial; fundamental; imperative; necessary. (p. 23)
- numerous** Very many; being or existing in great quantity; abundant; plentiful; copious.(p. 23)
- miraculous** Marvelous; of the nature of a miracle; phenomenal; amazing; astounding; wonderful; awesome; incredible. (p. 23)
- intimidate** To fill with fear: to overtake or control, as through the force of personality or by superior display of strength, power, wealth, etc.; threaten; coerce; terrorize; subdue. (p. 24)
- emulate** To strive to equal or excel as through imitation; copy the actions or behavior of. (p. 24)
- squinted** Partially closed the eyes in order to see better; squeezed, twisted, or drew together; squinted. (p. 26)
- punctual** On time; not late; strictly observant of an appointed or regular time. (p. 28)
- reinforcements** Circumstances, resources, or structures that strengthen, such as one's position or a structure; back-up systems; resources; aids; supports. (p. 38)
- jabbering** Talking rapidly, unintelligibly, or idly; chattering; babbling. (p. 43)
- orbit** The curved path taken by a planet, satellite, spaceship, etc. around a celestial object, such as that of the earth around the sun; course; cycle; path; tract. (p. 51)
- hypnotized** Frightened or startled so that movement is impossible; influenced, controlled, or directed completely as by personal charms, words, or domination; entranced; mesmerized. (p. 54, 69, 73)
- scrunch** (scrunching) Crush; crumple; squeeze together; squat or hunker down; compress; squeeze; squash. (p. 55) *scrunched* (p. 72)
- shrugged** Raised and contracted the shoulders, expressing indifference, disdain, etc.(p. 59)
- skimpy** Lacking in size, fullness, etc.; sparse; inadequate; meager. (p. 61)

## Dictionary Digs

Set One: Chapter 1—Chapter 4

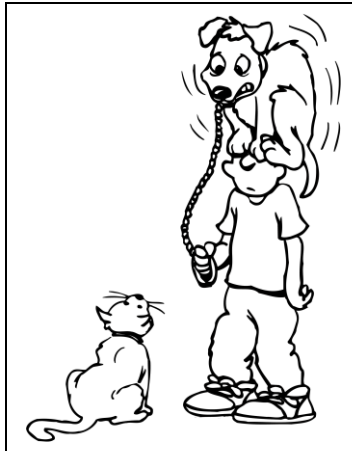
Dig into your favorite dictionary for answers to the following questions about some challenging words from Chapters 1 through 4 of the *Weird Watsons'* story. Write the **letter** of the correct answer in the blank to the left.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. A *synonym* for **jabbering** is (A) poking, (B) guessing, (C) chattering.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Which of the following phrases is **not** a good example of the correct use of the word **hostile**? (A) in a *hostile* environment, (B) investigate a mysterious *hostile*, (C) make a *hostile* remark.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. In addition to a *youngster who engages in irresponsible or criminal behavior*, the word **delinquent** also means (A) past-due, (B) predictable, (C) fulfilled.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Which word can be substituted for **skimpy** in the following sentence so that its meaning is not changed?  
*We were disappointed in the **skimpy** meal the restaurant served our guests.*  
(A) emulated, (B) meager, (C) suspicious
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. If she **flunked** the science quiz, then Allison (A) did not get a passing grade, (B) was absent on the day it was scheduled, (C) got special permission and didn't have to take it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The *most likely* reason Alex **squinted** his eyes was to (A) show that he was not interested, (B) keep from yawning, (C) see better.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Which of the following is **not** a correct definition of the word **juvenile**? (A) immature, (B) a young person, (C) senile.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Which cartoon below *best* illustrates the meaning of **numerous**?

(A)



(B)



(C)



- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. An *antonym* of **punctual** is (A) tardy, (B) prompt, (C) conscientious.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. What does it mean to say that a committee's assignment is to **generate** ideas for an *annual fund raiser*? The committee's job is to (A) eliminate the worst ideas, (B) create ideas for possible fund raisers, (C) accept ideas from other members and choose one.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. A **miraculous** event can also be described as (A) awesome, (B) cumbersome, (C) adventuresome.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. The *most likely* causes of **pouting** are (A) happiness or contentment, (B) displeasure or disagreement, (C) anticipation or impatience.



## Short Answer Questions

### **1. *And You Wonder Why We Get Called the Weird Watsons***

1. Why were the Watsons sitting huddled together under a blanket on their couch?
2. Who was Moses Henderson and why did Momma mention him?
3. Why did everyone cheer when Dad called Aunt Cydney on the phone?
4. Describe the age and condition of the Watsons's car, the Brown Bomber.
5. What did Byron say about himself as he gazed at his reflection in the Brown Bomber's outside mirror?
6. Explain how, the night before, Byron and his friend Buphead had given Kenny a lesson in how to survive a blizzard.
7. What happened when Byron tried to kiss his reflection in the Brown Bomber's outside mirror?
8. Why did Kenny get the job of pouring the hot water on Byron's lips?
9. Explain how Momma rescued Byron.
10. How did Kenny get Byron back for punching him in the forehead and making him scrape all of the car windows by himself?

### **2. *Give My Regards to Clark, Poindexter***

1. Explain why Larry Dunn was the king of kindergarten to fourth grade at Clark Elementary and why Byron was a god.
2. How was the fact that Kenny loved to read a problem?
3. What names did Kenny have to endure because he was smart?
4. What problem did Kenny have with one of his eyes and what suggestion did Byron make to help him deal with it?
5. Why was Kenny nervous about Byron getting out of sixth grade and finally going to junior high school?
6. When Byron said, "Give my regards to Clark, Poindexter," what did he mean?
7. What was part one of Kenny's miracle?
8. How did Kenny know the bigger of the two new kids was his personal saver?
9. Who made fun of the new kids right away and even threw an apple core at the bigger one?
10. Why was Kenny kind of surprised?

1. *And You Wonder Why We Get Called the Weird Watsons* Pages 1-19

Write the **letter** of the correct answer in the blank before each question.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. It was so cold on Saturday, the Watsons (A) sat huddled together under a blanket on the couch, (B) thought about closing the house and going to a hotel, (C) were not able to crank their car.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Momma felt the cold the most because she (A) was really thin, (B) was from Alabama, (C) didn't have a heavy sweater.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Kenny and his family lived in (A) St. Paul, Minnesota, (B) Dayton, Ohio, (C) Flint, Michigan.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Joetta was Kenny's (A) little sister, (B) older sister, (C) first cousin, who had been adopted by the Watsons.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. According to Kenny, which of the following was **not** true of his older brother Byron? He (A) tried to make Momma laugh all the time, (B) didn't want to touch anyone or be touched, (C) was an official teenage juvenile delinquent.



- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The weatherman said the temperature in Atlanta, Georgia, (A) was a chilly twenty-eight degrees, (B) was several degrees above freezing, (C) would reach the mid-seventies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Dad told Kenny, Byron, and Joetta they were lucky not to be the children of one of Momma's old boyfriends named (A) Hambone Henderson, (B) Lucky Henderson, (C) Clown Henderson.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. When she was about to laugh, Momma put her hand over her mouth because she (A) had several teeth missing, (B) had a big gap between her front teeth, (C) had a loud laugh.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Which of the following was **not** a warning Moses Henderson gave Momma about Flint? (A) It was colder than the inside of an icebox, and people lived in igloos. (B) Most of the people were Chinese, and there wasn't one colored person in the whole city. (C) Because it was so cold, babies were born with lumpy heads.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Momma said life in Birmingham, even though it was not perfect, was slower, friendlier, and (A) black people were left alone, (B) people were more honest about the way they felt, (C) neither expensive nor cold.

2. Give My Regards to Clark, Poindexter **Pages 20-31**

Write either **True** or **False** in the blank before each statement.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Larry Dunn was kindergarten to fourth grade king at Clark Elementary because he was super smart.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Byron, who had flunked some grade at least once, was in sixth grade and a god at Clark Elementary.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. For Kenny, there were no advantages to having a older brother who was a god.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Teachers started treating Kenny differently in first grade because he loved to read and they thought he was smart.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Demonstrating his reading ability to other classes made Kenny one of the most popular students at Clark.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. On the day in second grade when he was asked to read from a Langston Hughes book, Kenny was horrified to see that Buphead and Byron were in the class where his teacher had taken him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. To make Kenny read slower, Miss Henry had him hold the book upside down.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Kenny suspected that Byron was ashamed of having a little brother who was smart.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Kenny had been born with a lazy eye that wanted to rest in the corner next to his nose, and nothing he had tried made it better.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Byron suggested that Kenny look at people sideways so his eyes would appear to be straight.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Even with Byron as a brother, Kenny still got teased and beat up sometimes, and he worried about what was going to happen if Byron ever got out of sixth grade and went to junior high school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. "Give my regards to Clark, Poindexter," was what Byron said when he didn't get on the bus and skipped school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Even in Byron's absence, Kenny felt safe from bullies when he was on the bus.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. The bus driver always waited for late students when he saw them running to catch the bus.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. At Sunday school, Kenny had learned that God sent people to protect and help another person when it was needed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Kenny knew the big boy who got on the bus and spoke with the down-South accent was his personal saver sent from God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. The two new kids were well-dressed, muscular, and unfriendly looking.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. The students on the bus were instantly afraid of the two new boys and no one dared tease them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. The bus driver was really angry about the way Larry Dunn and the other passengers behaved toward the new boys.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. The bus driver told the new students to sit next to Poindexter—meaning Kenny.



3. *The World's Greatest Dinosaur War Ever*  
Pages 32-46

Rufus Fry  
Poindexter  
Kenny  
his eyes  
laughing

Arkansas  
squirrels  
shot a gun  
radioactiveness  
"Ready, aim, fire!"

American and Nazi  
LJ Jones  
Momma  
Kenny's plastic dinosaurs  
Cody

nasty magazines  
his clothes  
Larry Dunn  
blue jeans  
different

From the list above, choose the name, word, or phrase that fits each of the clues below and write it in the blank. **All** answers will be used **at least once**. **Some** answers will be used **more than once**.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. This person started coming to Kenny's house and following him around at school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Rufus said the ones in Michigan were worth two of them where he came from.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Byron had borrowed a lot of these from Buphead's library.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. She helped Kenny get his friends back.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. One of the things wrong with Rufus was the way he talked, and this was the other thing wrong with him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Kenny couldn't believe it when the principal put this person in Mrs. Cordell's fourth grade.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. She didn't trust LJ Jones because he was a little too sneaky for her taste.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Rufus Fry was from here.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. These were the two sides in the dinosaur wars.



- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. He didn't want Rufus close to him because it meant both of them would be picked on twice as much.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. LJ convinced Kenny they should bury the dead dinosaurs because this condition made them dangerous.

5. *Nazi Parachutes Attack America and Get Shot Down over the Flint River by Captain Byron Watson and his Flamethrower of Death*

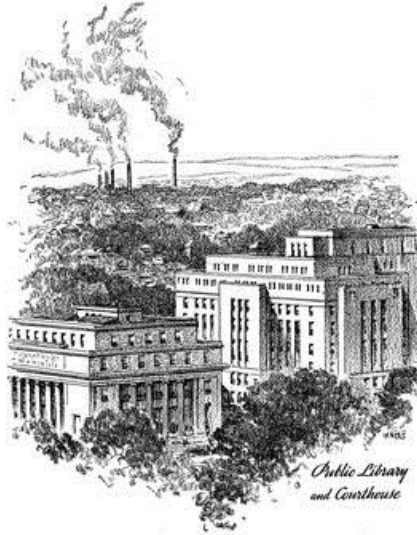
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Write either **Yes** or **No** in the blank before each question.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Did Mama swear she would burn Byron the next time she caught him striking matches?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Was Momma's "Smokey the Bear" story a joke she often told about a funny incident from her childhood?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Did Byron lock himself in the bathroom and pretend to make a movie about fighting Nazi parachutes?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Could Kenny see what Byron was doing in the bathroom by peeping through the keyhole?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. When Momma came upstairs to find out why the toilet was flushing, did the whole area smell like a giant match?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Did Momma laugh at Byron and his silly game with the matches and toilet paper?



- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Was Momma holding Byron by the neck when she dragged him down the stairs?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Was Byron shaking in fear by the time Momma sat him down on the couch?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. When she spoke, did Momma's voice get strange, hissing like a snake?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Did Joetta go to the kitchen and get a book of matches as Momma ordered?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. If he went after the matches like Momma demanded, did Kenny think Byron would kill him when he got back from the hospital?



## **Think, Write, Create**

(Chapter Activities)

### **1. And You Wonder Why We Get Called the Weird Watsons**

When the guy on TV said the forecast for Atlanta, Georgia, was a temperature in the mid-seventies, Kenny thought the man might as well have tied Dad to a tree and said, “Ready, aim, fire!”

- Explain how the TV guy’s words made Kenny’s dad a target.
- Who would be doing the shooting? What was the motivation?
- What diversionary tactic did Dad use? Did it work?

What evidence can you find in this chapter to prove that the Watson children enjoyed their father’s sense of humor?

Kenny’s Momma was the only Watson not born in Flint, and she felt the cold more than the rest of the family. She always blamed Dad for bringing her from Alabama to the giant icebox of Michigan.

- What reasons can you give for Momma’s decision to leave Alabama and go to Michigan with Dad? Why do you think she married Daniel Watson instead of Moses Henderson?
- Why would Daniel Watson chose Flint, Michigan, as the place for his family to live? Why didn’t he care for Alabama?
- Write the story of how you imagine Daniel and Wilona Watson met. (Hint: Does it seem that Daniel Watson is from the South or does he seem to be a native of Michigan?)
- How do you know that Momma enjoyed Dad’s story about Hambone Henderson? What does her behavior tell you about her feelings for Dad?

During their conversation about how things were in the South, Momma turned to Byron and said, “. . . *and folks there do know how to respect their parents.*” Later, when Aunt Cydney told the Watsons to hurry on over before they froze to death, everyone except Byron cheered.

- What explanation can you offer for Momma’s words to Byron?
- From his reaction, how did Byron feel about Aunt Cydney? Speculate as to the reason(s) for his attitude.

## Think, Write, Create

(Whole Book Activities)

Find definitions for **perfectionism**, **phobia**, **stupor**, **caution**, **paranoia**, and **prevention**. Use the information you gathered to answer the following questions:

- Which of the word(s) do you think applies to Momma's ideas about cold weather?
  - Which definition(s) connect with Momma's determination to keep her children from playing with matches?
  - What term(s) would you apply to Dad's habit of hiding his toothbrush?
  - Which term(s) best applies to Momma and Dad's decision to make Byron live with Grandma Sands for the summer?
  - How would you characterize Dad's decision to buy the Ultra-Glide for the Brown Bomber so he wouldn't get hooked on hillbilly music?
  - What word describes Momma's very detailed notebook of plans for the family's trip to Birmingham?
  - Which word would be a good explanation for Dad's behavior—his grin, not noticing that the Ultra-Glide was stuck, his chatty mood, etc.—during the last phase of the long drive to Birmingham?
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When the Wool Pooh was drowning Kenny, an angel that looked like Joetta told him to swim to the surface again, making it possible for Byron to find him and pull him free. Later, it was an apparition of Kenny that enticed Joetta to move away from the church so that she was safe when the bomb exploded.

The author does not explain either of these phenomena. What is your interpretation? Was Kenny's experience only a hallucination brought on by panic? Did Joetta simply see someone who looked like Kenny? Are there logical explanations, or are the occurrences inexplicable?

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Some of the things that Kenny and Rufus did as friends were *sharing food*, *playing dinosaur games*, *using the same pair of gloves*, *working on the Brown Bomber*, and *surviving a breach of trust*.

- How is your relationship with your best friend(s) like the friendship between Kenny and Rufus? Have you shared some of the same experiences?
  - If you had the chance, what would you tell Rufus and Kenny about the many changes since 1963? How would they feel about the new attitude toward bullies?
- 

Use events and conversations from the story to prove that Momma and Dad Watson had a happy, close relationship.

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At times when things seemed to be destined to turn out wrong, Kenny thought he or someone else might as well be tied to a tree waiting for someone to say, "*Ready, aim, fire!*"

Write a narrative about an experience you have had that would probably lead Kenny to use the "*Ready, aim, fire!*" analogy.

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# Despicable Duds

**despicable** adj. (*děs.pĩk'.ə.bəl*) Awful; disgraceful; pitiful; loathsome; wretched; lousy.

**duds** n. (*dűdz*) Informal term for clothing.

Even after thirteen years in Flint, Kenny's Alabama Momma still thought cold weather could kill you. She wrapped her children in so many layers of clothing they couldn't bend their arms. To other kids, they were the Weird Watsons doing their Mummy imitations. Joetta was soaked with sweat by the time she got to school.

Like the Watsons, most youngsters eventually find themselves in disagreement with an adult over attire. Sometimes it's about the weather, and sometimes it's not.

What is the most awful outfit you have ever been forced to wear? Organize the details of the event below and then write a narrative about your encounter with **Despicable Duds**. A photograph of the awful apparel with you in it would be a plus.

**Who** chose the outfit and forced you to wear it?

**When** were you subjected to this terrible experience? How old were you?

**Why** was the outfit necessary? Was it for a social event such as a wedding? Was it a costume? Were you visiting relatives or going shopping? Was the weather involved?

**Describe** the outfit. Don't skip even one disgusting detail.

**How** did you feel wearing the outfit? Did you protest and try to save yourself? How did others react to your ensemble? Did someone say you were cute?

**What** was the fate of the offending garb? Do you still have it or were you able to dispose of it?

**What** is your plan of action should you again be faced with a similar situation?

