

***The Grapes of Wrath* Study Guide**

Chapters 20-22

Chapter 20

1. What “habit” of the road do Ruthie and Winfield automatically assume?
2. Why do the officials or state patrolmen so easily spy “leaders”?
3. What is the blacklist?
4. What is the role of “bull simple” for Tom and several other migrants?
5. Where in California does Floyd suggest that the Joads find work.
6. Describe Connie’s attitude toward the family’s difficulties. What action does he take?
7. Why is Casy arrested? How is this action a change in Casy’s behavior?
8. How do Ruthie and Winfield surprise Tom and Al?
9. Although the police try to force the Joads toward Tulare, where do they head? Why?

Chapter 21 (Interchapter)

1. This chapter describes the hate, anger, and cruelty that are increasing. What has changed the migrants into frustrated, angry individuals? Give the quote.
2. On the other hand, what arouses the townspeople?
3. “Explain the quote: “The great owners were glad ... And pretty soon we’ll have serfs again.”

Chapter 22

1. Report two particular differences between the government camp at Weedpatch and a Hooverville.
2. Timothy invites Tom to join Wilkie and him at work, even though it means fewer hours for the Wallaces. How does this action contribute to the “we” theme of the novel?
3. Explain the connection between the Bank of the West and the Farmers Association.
4. Why does the Association dislike the government camps for migrants?
5. What does Ma mean when she says, “We come home to our own people ... Why, I feel like people again”?
6. What tip does Thomas give for a dance night?