

The Grapes of Wrath Study Guide
Chapters 26-27

Chapter 26

1. Why is Ma's anger an effective weapon against the Joad family's lethargy and/or despair?
2. Why is Pa "all right" and "ain't beat" according to Ma?
3. What kind of promises does Al make to his girlfriend?
4. Jule explains why deputies do not intrude on the camp. Quote and explain the main point of his reasoning.
5. Quote a statement that indicates Ma's unfailing courage is flagging.
6. In house sixty-three "a fear had fallen on them." What contributed to that fear?
7. Earning \$1.00 for a day's work has several implications for the Joad's daily and future lives. Identify and state these implications.
8. Give the specific reasons for the striking and picketing at the Hooper farm. Also, explain Casy's involvement.
9. Describe the event(s) which cause to go into hiding.
10. According to Ma, Tom's being in hiding has a definite effect on the family. Report Ma's observation about the family **and** her request regarding Tom.

Chapter 27 (Interchapter)

1. One of the difficulties in picking cotton is obtaining a fair wage. Report the unfair practices that may occur.
2. Quote the reference about winter which is portentous for the migrants

Enrichment

1. Ma's American dream was to have a little white house and a plot of land to own. Write an essay in which you make clear the details of your own American dream.