

My Louisiana Sky by Kimberly Willis Holt

1. What can you remember about physical descriptions of the characters?
2. Tiger asks why when she is having fun “the sun slipped down as fast as butter melts on toast” but while she is working “it inched down as slow as a caterpillar crawls across Texas.” Have you ever felt that way about time passing? What was it like?
3. Is there a character you admire? If so, what is it about him/her that you like?
4. How did the author let you know where and when the story took place?
5. Did the author write about anything that made you uncomfortable? Why do you think she did that?
6. Daddy can predict weather by listening to the earth. Have you heard of any interesting ways of predicting weather? Do they really work?
7. Why did Tiger tell Jesse Wade that she was giving up the “silly old game” of baseball?
8. What did you think of Tiger’s punishment for leaving the chicken yard gate open?
9. Granny listened with her heart as well as her ears. What does that mean? Have you ever known anyone who listened like that?
10. Tiger considers changing some things about herself and starting fresh in a Baton Rouge school. If you had a chance to go to a school where no one knew you, is there any way that you would be different than you are in Brighton?
11. What are some ways that life in the 1950s in rural Louisiana is different than life here in Brighton?
12. How do the people in Tiger’s town treat her parents? If you could talk to them or to Tiger, what would you want to say?
13. Does anything happen in the story that you think is wrong?
14. Let’s make a list of the important things that Granny teaches Tiger. If you start it, we’ll help you.

15. Do any of the characters change during the story? Who and how?
16. If you were Tiger's friend, how could you help her with her feelings about Abby Lynn or the swimming party?