

## *Moonshiner's Son* Discussion Questions

- How do you think the story would have turned out differently if the Taylor's had not arrived in town?
- Are illegal and evil the same thing?
- Do you think Tom should have told Pa or Amy about the hornet incident?
- What do you think of Pa's clever lying?
- Who is your favorite character?
- Why do you think Mrs. Brown tell Tom not to marry a girl like Amy? Do you think she would have changed her mind by the end of the book?
- What is the difference between telling a lie and spreading a rumor?
- Why does Princess have to be considered Tom's dog that Amy takes care of?
- How can the people of Bad Camp Hollow have such respect and honor for the law and yet they flout Prohibition?
- Should the government be able to tell you what you can and cannot do on your own property or with your own stuff?
- Why do Pa and Tom refuse charity?
- Is it ever right to force others to act according to your own convictions, like Pa says on page 44?
- Preacher Taylor and Amy comes to the mountains with the assumption that they are bring light to a dark and dirty place? Is this the right attitude? How is Mrs. Taylor's attitude different?
- How are the Preacher and his wife different? Who is Amy more like?
- Why does Pa decide to stop making moonshine?
- At one point Amy says that it's not the people that are bad, only the liquor. What do you think about this statement?
- What do you think about liquor laws in general? Did Prohibition do what it meant to do?
- Did Prohibition work? How could this problem be solved another way?