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Reading Questions: *No Promises in the Wind* (Irene Hunt)

Chapter 1

 1. Where and when does the story begin?

 2. How does the Great Depression affect the father’s treatment of his family?

 3. Why does Josh decide to leave home? What motivates him to leave?

Chapter 2

 1. Why does Josh feed his anger against his parents on the night he plans to leave?

 2. Why do the boys feel hopeful after their first day on the road?

Chapter 3

 1. Describe the ramshackle farmhouse that Josh and Joey happen upon. How does this scene contribute to your understanding of the setting?

 2. Which details reveal Josh’s growing affection for Joey?

 3. How is Joey’s youthfulness an advantage to the boys?

Chapter 4

 1. What motivates Josh to join Joey in going door to door?

 2. At one home, Josh encounters a girl who offers him food and kind words. How do the girl’s words affect Josh?

 3. Why is Josh’s confidence restored after his visit with the old woman?

Chapter 5

 1. Why do you think Lonnie cares so much about Josh and Joey?

 2. Describe Lonnie’s character. Cite specific words and actions that show what kind of person he is.

 3. Who is Pete Harris? How does he help Josh and Joey?

Chapter 6

 1. How does the Christmas season affect Josh’s thoughts about his family?

 2. Why is Florinda considered a flat character? How is she described?

 3. Do you think the carnival will survive after the fire? What do you predict will happen to both Josh and Joey?

Chapter 7

 1. Why do Josh and Joey decide to go to Nebraska?

 2. How would you characterize the man who gives the boys a ride in a fancy Cadillac?

 3. Cite details that show how Josh’s and Joey’s roles have reversed.

Chapter 8

 1. What motivates Joey to share his loaf of bread with another family?

 2. Explain how Joey’s kind act creates conflict between Josh and Joey.

 3. When Josh tries to find Joey, he becomes lost, falls, and loses consciousness. Who finds him? What happens next? Why?

Chapter 9

 1. What is Josh’s biggest concern during his convalescence?

 2. What gives Lonnie and Josh hope that they will soon find Joey?

 3. Why does the author include information about “the wild children of the road”?

Chapters 10 and 11

 1. What does Joey want to tell Josh before he goes back to sleep? Why does he want to say this?

 2. To whom does Joey compare Josh? How does this comparison affect Josh?

 3. Why do you think Josh and Joey are torn when it is time to return home?

 4. What does Josh’s experience help him realize about his father?