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**Out of the Dust** by Karen Hesse

Pp3-33

1. What is the name of the main character?
2. Bobbi Sue
3. Bobbie Jo
4. Sallie Ann
5. Billie Jo

*(Inference Question)*

1. The main character says she cried so loud the day she

was born her face turned red. She says her face has stayed red ever since. Given the setting of the book and the time and location, explain why you think this might be so.

1. Which of the following statements are true?

**Select 2.**

*(Part A)*

1. Daddy had given up having a boy.
2. Mom didn’t want her daughter
3. Mom couldn’t have any more children.
4. Mom was expecting a baby.

*(Part B)*

Which of the following choices below provide

evidence to your responses in Part A? **Select 2.**

1. I look just like my dad.
2. Ma let on as how she’s expecting again.
3. He tried making me do and even put me on the tractor.
4. It never seemed to go right except with me.
5. What are some of the clues below that ***best*** help the reader

determine the setting of the story. **Circle all that apply.**

1. summer wheat came ripe
2. on the kitchen floor
3. He wanted a boy.
4. Panhandle shack we call home
5. I’ll be nearly fourteen
6. And living in Lubbock
7. In that room down in Dallas

*(Inference)*

1. Explain what must be going on that Mr. Romney swears

he’s had more rabbit trouble than anyone else. What do Mr. Romney and Mr. Noble agree to do and what is the outcome? pp6-7

*(Interpret and Inference)*

1. *“And I’m wondering what kind of friend I am, wanting my feet on that road to another place instead of Livie’s.”* Explain what Billie Jo meant when she said this. Select the ***best*** answer.
2. I miss Livie Killian more than anything in the world.
3. Livie is deserving of everything good life has to offer.
4. All roads will lead to our friendship once again.
5. I must not be a true friend for I wish it were me on the road to adventure instead of Livie.
6. *“Darn that blue-eyed boy with his fine face and his smooth*

*voice, twice as good as a plowboy has any right to be.”* According to Billie Jo’s description of Mad Dog, you could interpret that she - - -

1. has a crush on him
2. suspected Arley prefers him over her
3. feels jealous of Mad Dog
4. simply doesn’t get along with Mad Dog
5. Billie Jo says the following about playing piano:

*“How supremely heaven piano can be.”* What literary device does the author, Karen Hesse, use in this line of

text?

1. parallelism
2. metaphor
3. simile
4. allusion
5. Ma donated items to the President’s Birthday Ball.

What **did she not** donate to the Ball?

1. feed-sack nightie
2. cured pork
3. 6 cherry pies
4. 3 jars of apple sauce

*(pp16-19, Literal & Inferential)*

1. What are the possible reasons that the storekeeper,

Mr. Hardly, made “bad change?” **Circle all that apply**.

1. Mr. Hardly lost stock when his attic filled with dust,

and he was trying to compensate for lost goods.

1. Mr. Hardly was illiterate and didn’t know how to count.
2. Mr. Hardly is an unhappy man because his business has been adversely affected by the weather for the last 3 years.

*(pp26-27)*

1. The author, Karen Hesse, implores the reader to

understand the nature and livelihood of a farmer, when she uses phrases such as the ones below. Given the situation of despair in **Out of the Dust** (drought and depression), which line of text ***best*** epitomizes the endurance of an American Farmer?

*(Part A)*

1. Daddy is thinking of taking a loan.
2. I can turn the fields over.
3. It’s coming on spring; it will rain soon enough.
4. Daddy looks like a fight brewing.

*(Part B)*

Of the choices below, which is the greatest virtue of

evidence that supports your selection in Part B, above?

1. work –hard work
2. faith
3. strategy
4. perseverance
5. When Billie took her state test at school, what were the following things that happened. Circle all that are true.
6. Billie’s mother made a huge fuss over her good score.
7. Billie’s score was one of the higher 8th grade scores.
8. The praise Billie received felt like being taking in as dry flannel on a line.
9. Billie could tell her Mom was proud of her.
10. Mad Dog and Livie looked up to Billie for her fine accomplishment.