

Goodnight Mister Tom

Chapter 1 and 2

- 1) Describe the character of Tom. In his sixties, healthy, robust, stockily-built man, thick head of white hair, average height, coarse skin, voice like thunder.
- 2) How does the author use speech to enable you to imagine the character of Tom in more detail? It lets us know that he has an accent, and it can help us imagine how he might talk.
- 3) What words or phrases on pg. 3 show you how Willie was feeling? Nervously, shivered, shaking fingers.
- 4) Even though he wasn't hungry, why did Willie eat the food that Tom had prepared? Because his mum had told him to do as he was told.
- 5) How old is William Beech? 8
- 6) Why did Willie normally dread school? His former teacher would yell and shout at them all day and he would rap their knuckles.
- 7) What did Willie think would happen when he was caught waving a stick at Mister Tom's dog? He thought that Tom would give him a beating.
- 8) How did Tom describe Sammy? A spry ole thing, soft as butter, friendly.
- 9) Why do you think Willie was so shocked that he was going to have his own room? Because he was used to not having his own room.
- 10) Why was Tom not very chatty with Mrs Fletcher? He was shy.
- 11) What was Willie so shocked to see in the field? A cow.
- 12) What did the Villagers use the black fabric for? As blackouts to block the light during the blackout.
- 13) Why was Tom so cross when he read Mrs Beech's (Willie's Mother) letter? Because he found out that Mrs

Beech would beat Willie with a belt, and he refused to hit a child.