



## The Catholic High School of Baltimore Summer Reading List

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School Year: 2011 - 2012 Grade Level: 10

Course No.: 223 Course Name: United States History

Academic Level (Honors/AP/CP1/CP2/CPA): CPA

### **Reading:**

*Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry*, Mildred Taylor

### **Assignment:**

Read the book and answer the following questions (The Center for Applied Research in Education, 1994).

1. Describe the Mississippi of the 1930s where this story takes places. Compare it to your home. How is it alike? How is it different? Consider the physical area as well as the relationships between people.
2. Describe Cassie's reaction when she learns that the books her school received had been discarded by the state. How would you feel in that situation? What would you do about it? Explain.
3. When they learn that a Caucasian grocery is extorting (to obtain from a person by force, intimidation, or undue or illegal power) Africa Americans for their crops, Cassie's parents become angry and decide to boycott the grocery. Do you think they did the right thing? Why or why not? What else could they have done? Explain
4. Describe your feelings about the Logans' continuous rejection of Jeremy Simm. Are they justified/
5. Cassie changes much throughout the story in her understanding of African Americans' position in Mississippi in the 1930s. How did her opinions and feelings change from the beginning of the story? Give specific events that affected her most.