

The Blood of Emmett Till

by Timothy B. Tyson

Read the book: The Blood of Emmett Till and complete the short answer questions below. Please note that you will be asked to use turnitin.com with this and many assignments throughout the year in US II AP. Please be sure to use quotation marks as you quote from the book and cite the page numbers you are quoting from ie: "A number of things about the Till trials did not conform to the stereotypes of Mississippi justice in 1955" (143). You do not need a work cited page if you are using quotes from the book by Tyson- just include the page number.

Assignment: In complete sentences and with SPECIFIC examples from the book answer the following short answer questions. When you are answering the questions, be concise-- no less than 3 sentences per section and no more than 8 or 9 per section!!! These questions are set up to mirror the questions you will be seeing in May of 2023 on the AP exams. I will be checking my email a bit over the summer and will definitely be checking it starting August 22 with the start of Fall sports so I will answer questions about the content but I will not be pre-reading your answers! Have confidence in yourself and your skills as a student!

- Describe the Bryant family
 - Describe the Till family
 - Describe the incident that led to the murder of Emmett Till, include the different versions of the incident as told by the people in Till's family and the different versions told by Carolyn Bryant (you will need to consult a few different chapters for this).
- Mamie Till Bradley refused to allow Emmett's body to be buried in Mississippi. Explain what impact that decision had on the entire nation (when you answer this question be sure to include some content from later in the book, not just chapter 8).
 - Till's murder was not an unusual occurrence in Mississippi, there were other lynchings of African Americans, see the quote by NAACP leader Aaron Henry on page 69 as an example. According to Tyson's assertions throughout the book, explain what other historical events were happening at the same time that made this case and trial national news- in short-- I am asking you why Emmett Till- what historically was different in the Till case from the other examples of lynching in the United States (again read the entire book and take a few notes to answer this one completely)?
 - One month after the acquittals of Roy Brandt and J.W. Milam, Rosa Parks went to a meeting with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Montgomery Alabama. Tyson calls these acts "the children of Emmett Till." Explain what he means by "the children of Emmett Till" and give 2 other examples of these "children."
- As the Till trial moved forward in the courts and Mamie Till Bradley and Mose Wright gave speeches around the nation, the rest of the world watched. Explain international reactions to the Till case.

B. There was a strange part to this case. Carolyn Bryant was called as a DEFENSE witness instead of a witness for the prosecution. Explain why Tyson considers this a strange approach for the DEFENSE.

C. Take a close look at the defense attorney's closing summation. Draw 2 specific parallels from the closing arguments in the Till case to the arguments of states' rights used to support cessation in 1860. You can/should research cessation and states' rights if you forget your USI content. There are a few parallels, you need to explain just 2!