1. On page 32, Bud thinks, “Being unhappy about it is one thing, but torturing the kids who are there even though they don’t want to be is another.” What does Bud mean when he says this?

2. What word(s) stand(s) out as a word(s) Curtis is using to create an effect in his story (diction)? What effect does this diction create?

3. What does the effect of the diction in question 2 show about Curtis's tone in regards to Todd?

4. Think more in general terms now. What is the general subject that Curtis is showing his attitude about in the quote in question 1? What is Curtis's attitude towards this subject?
5. On page 33, Bud lowers the gun and thinks, “These things were just too dangerous to play with or to take chances with, that’s why the first part of my revenge plan was to get this gun out of the way.” What does Bud mean when he says this?

6. What word(s) stand(s) out as a word(s) Curtis is using to create an effect in his story (diction)? What effect does this diction create?

7. What does the effect of the diction in question 6 show about Curtis's tone in regards to the gun the Amoses own?

8. Think more in general terms now. What is the general subject that Curtis is showing his attitude about in the quote in question 5? What is Curtis's attitude towards this subject?