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Partner reading

The Murder of Emmett Till (pp. 18-21)



Read the first paragraph of “The Funeral,” on page 18.

In this paragraph, Mrs. Till made an unusual choice. Why did she make that choice?

WHO is this about? Emmett's mother, Mamie Till-Mobley

WHAT did he/she do? Insisted on an open-casket funeral

WHEN did this happen? September 3, 1955 - six days after Emmett's murder

WHERE did this happen? Chicago



Turn and talk with your partner to answer the “why” in the 5 Ws summary.

WHY did this happen?



Read the rest of page 18. Also, look at the photo and read the caption on page 19.

Let's review some hints from the story to help clarify the word **mourners**.

In your own words, what were the mourners doing?

The last line on page 18 says the mourners were:


The caption on page 19 says that people were mournful and



Turn and talk with your partner to clarify what the word **mourners** might mean.

Mourners might mean _____

Partner reading, continued

 Read the first paragraph on page 21.

What is happening in this paragraph? What is this paragraph mostly about?

Now underline words you might need to clarify in the paragraph below:

Glass covered Emmett's coffin to try to seal in the odor of his decomposing body. Some people felt sick from the smell and the sight of the grotesque corpse and some even fainted.


 Turn and talk to your partner:


What might the words **odor**, **decomposing**, and **grotesque** mean in this paragraph?

Odor might mean _____

Decomposing might mean _____

Grotesque might mean _____

 Read the rest of page 21.

 Turn and talk to your partner. Do you think Mrs. Till made the right choice by insisting on an open casket funeral for Emmett? Why or why not?

- We both think she made the right choice.
- We both think she made the wrong choice.
- We disagree about whether she made the right choice.

Reasons:

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