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**Inherit the Wind – Acts II and III**

**Write Answers on loose leaf or type**

**Act 2 Scene 1:**

1. A. How are Brady and Reverend Brown similar or different in their beliefs?

B. How are they similar or different in the ways in which each supports his beliefs?

2. A title has to mean something, right? The quote from Proverbs (a book/ chapter of the Bible) from which the play's title is taken appears twice in the play.

A. What is the quote?

B. Explain its meaning the first time it appears (in Scene 1, Act 2). Who uses it, and what specifically is the speaker's message?

C. (Don't answer until after you have read Act 3) Explain its meaning the second time it appears. Who uses it, and what specifically is the speaker's message?

**Scene 2:**

3. Identify the point where you think the power shifts from Brady to Drummond. Explain your support for your position.

4. Identify your favorite quote in the play so far. Who says it, what is the situation, and why is it your favorite?

**Act 3:**

1. Explain Drummond's metaphor on page 108: "When they started this fire here, they never figured it would light up the whole sky. A lot of people's shoes are getting hot."

2. What is the significance of the mayor's conversation with the judge on page 110-111? What does it show about the mayor's values?

3. Explain Drummond's story about Golden Dancer. How is Golden Dancer a metaphor? How many persons or things in this drama can you identify that are 'golden dancers'? Explain your answers.

4. Who pays Cates's bail? Why? What is bail?

5. So who “wins” the case? In what sense did Cates win? In what sense did he lose? In what sense did Brady win, and in what sense did he lose? Explain.
6. How do the townspeople react to the verdict?
7. Explain Hornbeck’s message in his “Also-Ran” speech on page 121-2.
8. What is the message that Rachel conveys in her two speeches on page 124? How has Rachel changed? How do Rachel’s comments about ideas show that she has read Darwin’s book?
9. How do you interpret Drummond’s final action with respect to the two books as the play closes?

### **General Discussion/ Journal Questions**

1. Who is the **main character** of the play? Be sure to support your answer by explaining what factors make a character the main character (a/k/a the **protagonist**)?
2. What is one message of the play? Explain your support.
3. Which character most resembles you? Explain.