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The Secret Life of Bees – Chapter Nine

Vocabulary

initiated – started

miniscule – tiny

berserk – crazy

nymphs – fairies

inferno – a big fire

geyser – water spouts

convulsions – fits

unraveling – coming apart

excruciating – extreme

oblivious – unaware

limbo – a waiting place

crevice – a deep crack

moping – feeling sorry for oneself

1. Lily thinks she knows why August turns off the radio. What does Lily think about it?
2. What does the following quote reveal about Lily? “After you get stung, you can’t get unstung no matter how much you whine about it.” (Pg. 167)
3. When does Lily say “the real troubles in life happen”? (Pg. 170) What does she mean?
4. What is May doing, and why is it so significant to Lily?
5. What does May do after she acknowledges that she knew Lily’s mother?
6. What had Lily been about to do when Zach talks her into going with him?

7. When the boy provokes the white man, Lily says she sees a look on his face she had seen on T. Ray's "a thousand times." (Pg. 178) What is that look?

8. August, on page 147, says, "The hardest thing on earth is choosing what matters." Does Zach make a choice that matters?

9. When they finally get to see Zach, what does August talk about? Why do you think she does this?

Draw a picture of a memorable scene or image from Chapter 9

