



Unit 5 – Team challenge

Team B – Wayne’s book report of *Nightjohn*

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Delie: What in the hell are you doing to her?

Narrator: Mammy was standing there, big and black and tall in the moonlight.

Delie: What you doing to this girl?

John: I’m teaching her to read,

Narrator: said John.

Delie: Child, they’ll cut your thumbs off if you learn to read.

Narrator: She pointed to John, big old finger.

Delie: Is that how you got whipped?

Narrator: He shook his head.

John: I ran.

Delie: And got caught.

John: Not the first time. First time I ran, I got clean away. I went north all the way. I was free.

Narrator: I’d never heard such a thing. We couldn’t even talk about being free. And here was a man said he had been free by running north. I thought, ‘How can that be?’

Delie: You ran and you got away,

Narrator: Mamma asked.

John: I did.

Delie: You ran until you were clean away?

John: I did.

Delie: And you came back?

John: I did.

Delie: Why?

John: For this.

Delie: What do you mean for this?

John: To teach reading.