



Brutus The Junkyard Dog Questions to Discuss with Students

- 1) What is the first color you hear about in this story? - The first color is green.
- 2) What is the name of the owner of the farm? - The owner of the farm is Mr. Brown.
- 3) What is the name of the dog in the junkyard? - The name of the dog is Brutus.
- 4) What does Brutus do with all the junk in the yard? - He guards it.
- 5) What does Brutus really like in the junkyard? - He really likes cars.
- 6) What do cars remind Brutus of? - Cars remind Brutus of when he was a puppy.
- 7) What color was Papa's car? - Papa's car was red.
- 8) Who did Brutus sit beside while riding in Papa's car? - Brutus sat beside Bonnie.
- 9) Tell me something about Bonnie? - She smelled good; she wore long, flowing dresses; she wore a bow in her hair; she had pretty eyes; she was wiggly and giggly; she hugged Brutus; she held him in her lap; they ran and played together.
- 10) What did Brutus do with the small, blue ball? - Brutus ran after it and held it with his puppy teeth.
- 11) How did Brutus feel when he was with Bonnie? - Brutus felt happy when he was with Bonnie.
- 12) What did Bonnie climb into? - Bonnie climbed into her grandmother's car.
- 13) Where did Papa drive Brutus? - Papa drove Brutus to the junkyard.
- 14) While Brutus was eating, what did Papa do? - Papa drove away.
- 15) How did Brutus feel after Papa left? - Brutus felt surprised, confused, frightened, and sad.
Do you have a friend you miss?
- 16) What did he do when Brutus first saw the animals in his junkyard? - He growled, barked, whimpered, whined, jumped up, and acted scary.
- 17) What does Brutus worry about? - Brutus worries about the animals taking his treasures.
- 18) What animals does Brutus chase? - Brutus chases squirrels, raccoons, ducks, rabbits, chipmunks, and mice.
- 19) While in his junkyard, why is Brutus lonely, sad, and mad. - He must work hard protecting his treasures by chasing all the animals away; He is alone with no friends to play with.
- 20) What is the wiggly, squiggly new creature that enters the junkyard where Brutus lives? - It is a caterpillar.

- 21) What does this new creature do when he arrives in the junkyard? - He climbs a tree, ignores Brutus, and builds a house.
- 22) How many days pass until Brutus sees the little creature after it goes into the house it has built? - Ten days pass.
- 23) What does Brutus do differently when he sees the new creature come out of the little house? - He does not bark, whimper, whine, jump up or act scary. Brutus is quiet.
- 24) What does the little creature have that surprises Brutus? - It has wings.
- 25) Does Brutus like what he sees? - Yes.
- 26) What does flying remind Brutus of? - Flying reminds Brutus of the breeze he felt while riding in the car with Papa and Bonnie.
- 27) What do the butterfly wings remind Brutus of? - The flowy wings of the butterfly remind Brutus of the long, flowing dresses that Bonnie wore.
- 28) What does Brutus name the butterfly? - Bonnie Butterfly
- 29) Why does Brutus name her Bonnie? - Brutus names the butterfly Bonnie Butterfly because she reminds him of the little girl he used to play with; he did this to honor his friend.
- 30) How does Brutus feel when he sees Bonnie Butterfly close to him? - He feels less sad; he feels less angry; he feels happy.
- 31) When Bonnie Butterfly leaves Brutus, what does he begin to look at and notice? - His treasures are old and no longer shiny. They are rusty. His treasures are no longer special to him. His treasures have become junk.
- 32) When Brutus looks up at the empty little house, what does he begin to think about? - Brutus thinks about change.
- 33) What does he see when Brutus stares at the world beyond his junkyard? - He sees Bonnie Butterfly waiting for him, surrounded by many other butterflies and the animals he used to chase.
- 34) When Brutus leaves his junkyard, what does he do differently with the animals? - Brutus does not bark, whimper, whine, jump up or act scary.
- 35) When Brutus sees the animals playing with each other, what does he think about it? - Brutus thinks about learning to play with all the animals, making friends, and if the change will be good.
- 36) How does Brutus feel about his junkyard now that he has left it? - Brutus feels like he no longer belongs there; it is a lonely, sad place, and he doesn't want to return; he has lost interest in his old treasures.
- 37) How are Brutus and Bonnie Butterfly now alike? - They are both calm, quiet, and kind.
- 38) How do the animals treat Brutus when they first see him in the garden? - They are shy, stare at him, and wait for him to be a loud yapping dog.
- 39) Now that Brutus has changed his behavior, what happens? - The animals no longer run away from Brutus; the animals stay and play with him; Brutus has friends; Brutus is happy; Brutus sees beauty in his new world and himself.
- 40) Can change be good? - Yes, change can be very good!