

Curative Reading Questions ***Sold*** **By Wendell Berry**

Notes About Answering Questions Curatively: *These questions are meant to deepen your understanding of the story and its curative aspects for you, others, and the world around you. Curative Reading goes beyond understanding a story from a literary perspective to a place where your imagination gets to reshape a meaning that supports you and inspires you to move forward through challenging change. There are no right or wrong answers, only curiously curative ones. Sharing these questions is optional.*

Beulah is the first name of the main character in our story. It means “a land of peace and rest.” Do you have a land of peace and rest these days? If so, write a line or two about it.

“What we both wanted from this world was a living, our daily bread... Came a time when we had more but we knew that more was extra. Where does your daily bread come from? Have you had a time in your life when you had more? If so write a line or two about this and your daily bread.

“And fun lasted then a long time, for after it happened, they’d be years telling each other about it and the more they told it the funnier it got.” What kind of fun do you have in your life these days? Describe an event that comes to mind.

“People were neighbors then. Your kin folks were your neighbors and your neighbors were your neighbors.” Who are your neighbors? Write a line or two about your relationship with your neighbors.

“We were changed by having it, in all the world our own place, more maybe than we were changed by having children.” What has changed you the most in your lifetime?

“But the 15 acres that was our made us feel permanent and serious, in a way safe.” What make you feel permanent and safe.

Describe the mood and attitudes of our main character who is aging and nearing the end of her life. Do you feel she has lived a satisfied life? Does she have regrets?

We do not hear about any ailments from our main character, and it seems as if she has lived a healthy long life. To what do you feel she would attribute this to?

Select a line from the story that stands out to you. Write it down and reflect on why you chose it. her longevity to?

Has reading this story been curative for you in any way? If so, write a line or two about this.