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 - B. Even nicer than she expected.
 - C. Not as nice as she expected.
 - D. Trick question! She does not enter the school as scheduled.

- 10) Who prevents Melba's friend Elizabeth from entering Central High?
 - A. Elizabeth's parents and friends
 - B. A group of racist protestors
 - C. Soldiers
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Warriors Don't Cry

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Reading quiz #1 (Chs. 1 - 4)

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Reading Quiz 2

- 1) D. Wrestling matches.
- 2) A. Thurgood Marshall, a famous lawyer
- 3) A. Governor Faubus
- 4) B. The Little Rock Nine.
- 5) D. Her heart.
- 6) D. Trick question! She does nothing.
- 7) D. Trick question! She is not kept safe.
- 8) C. The police sneak them out through the basement.
- 9) C. Threatening phone calls.
- 10) C. Writing a newspaper article.

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- 6) Grandma India and Melba have a weekly date to go to...
 - A. Church choir practice.
 - B. The movies.
 - C. A sewing circle.
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- 7) Who is the leader in opposing (trying to stop) the integration of Central High?
 - A. Governor Faubus
 - B. Dr. Stephausen (the leader of a white supremacy group)
 - C. Principal Davis
 - D. Police Commissioner Paupole

- 8) The press and the public start calling Melba and her comrades...
 - A. The Central Issue.
 - B. The Little Rock Nine.
 - C. The Lambs of Justice.
 - D. The Young Crusaders.

- 9) Melba is kept safe on her first school day because...
 - A. She stays in one classroom.
 - B. The African American students are being kept together.
 - C. Teachers are with her the whole time.
 - D. Trick question! She is not kept safe.

- 10) Danny is following Melba throughout her school day because...
 - A. He is a reporter with complete access.
 - B. He is determined to make her quit Central High School.
 - C. He has a crush on her.
 - D. He is a soldier assigned to protect her.

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| 1) B | 17) B |
| 2) A | 18) B |
| 3) D | 19) A |
| 4) D | 20) D |
| 5) C | 21) A |
| 6) D | 22) B |
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| 9) D | 25) B |
| 10) D | 26) A |
| 11) C | 27) D |
| 12) B | 28) B |
| 13) A | 29) C |
| 14) B | 30) E |
| 15) C | 31) C |
| 16) D | 32) B |

33) Answers will vary. Students might explain Melba's courage, sensitivity, intelligence, or passion. E.g., Melba's diary shows her sensitive nature and her reflections show the psychological toll that the insults are taking.

34) Answers will vary. Students might mention Mama Lois, Grandma India, Danny, Link, or even Thurgood Marshall. E.g., Mama Lois may not speak her mind as often as Grandma India, but she serves as an inspiring example when she fights to keep her job.

35) Extended response:

- a) She learns extreme self-control. She learns that help can come from unexpected allies. She learns how to make sacrifices for an important cause. She learns how to disarm people with her words.
- b) Melba has to give up the normal teenage life that she desires. She gives up family activities like going to wrestling matches with Grandma India. She gives up social events like her "sweet sixteen" party. She gives up her old friends who no longer think to include her.