

Prisoner: Comprehension Questions

Chapters 1-4

Chapter 1

1. Describe how the hallways smell in prison.
2. Why isn't Sybille comfortable calling Randall Smith, Dad?
3. Who is with Sybille at Temecula Valley Correctional Facility?
4. What happened to Sybille's mother?
5. Where are Sybille's younger brothers, Sander and Solomon?
6. What is Sybille afraid of?
7. Describe Sybille's flashback.
8. What does Nenek say about waiting for the moment where everything feels right?
9. How does Sybille believe her mother became ill in the first place?
10. Describe Temecula Valley Correctional Facility.

Chapter 2

1. What does Sybille ask God?
2. What does Sybille say about how people pray?
3. Why doesn't Sybille want anything from God?

4. Why does Sybille say it's a weird feeling thinking that prisoners aren't nice people?
5. How do the men and women in prison appear to Sybille?
6. Why does Sybille avoid making eye contact with anyone?
7. Why is Sybille proud of being unapproachable?
8. Describe the noise in the room.
9. What would Sybille rather be than be inside prison?
10. What does Sybille consider to be a chore?
11. Why does Sybille deny anyone entry into her safe haven?

Chapter 3

1. How does Sybille describe the prison guards?
2. What is Sybille's first impression of Myra?
3. What does Sybille hate?
4. What emotion does Sybille see when looking into Myra's eyes?
5. Why doesn't Sybille tell Grandma that she was afraid to come to prison?
6. What does Sybille's silence at the end of her conversation with Grandma represent?
7. Sybille says it is only acceptable to love your job if _____.

Chapter 4

1. Why does Sybille hide behind Grandma?

2. What does Sybille keep thinking about?
3. What does Sybille smile about as she looks up to the ceiling?
4. What is Sybille embarrassed about?
5. When Sybille peers around Grandma's shoulder, who does she see?
6. Describe Sybille's experience with ear piercing.
7. What was Randall Smith arrested for?
8. Describe the blood draw.
9. How does Randall Smith appear emotionally to Sybille?
10. Describe Randall Smith's physical appearance.
11. What does Sybille feel guilty about?