

“Crooked Letter, Crooked letter” by Tom Franklin. Chapter Ten, tandem.

Work with a partner. Fold the sheet along the vertical line. Partner A starts.

Partner A	Partner B
<p>Why has Silas been unable to sleep for a week?</p> <p><i>He found Tina Rutherford’s body under Larry’s cabin and is interviewed by lots of papers.</i></p>	<p>Why does Brenda from the nursing home call Silas during his traffic shift?</p> <p><i>He asked her to give him a call when Larry’s mom was having a good day.</i></p>
<p>How do people react to the news of the Rutherford girl’s death?</p> <p><i>They assume that Larry is the murderer and they remember the scant facts on the Cindy Walker case. Larry could even be involved in several other cases in the neighborhood where girls went missing. They also speculate that Larry has therefore attempted suicide.</i></p>	<p>What does Silas do for Larry?</p> <p><i>He takes care of his chickens and looks after the property. In addition, he takes over the night shift at the hospital, claiming he needs the money. He tells the unconscious Larry not to confess when he awakes.</i></p>
<p>What does Silas do when he finds out that Mrs. Ott isn’t treated well at River Acres?</p> <p><i>He threatens an orderly, who refuses to clean her, that he would find something to take him to jail.</i></p>	<p>What does Silas want to find out?</p> <p><i>He wants to ask Mrs. Ott who his father was. He shows her a photo of his mom holding Larry as a baby. But her memory fails her and she does not recall anything.</i></p>
<p>What does Silas tell his girlfriend Angie about his past when she confronts him with his absentmindedness?</p> <p><i>He dated Cindy Walker and she told him that her stepfather Cecil abused her. She claimed she had started to like Silas when he stood up for her against Cecil.</i></p>	<p>How did his mother react when she learned about his relationship with Cindy?</p> <p><i>She told him to leave Cindy alone because she was white. She reminded him of Emmet Till, a black boy from Chicago, who in 1955 was murdered by white racists in Mississippi because they thought he had behaved inappropriately towards a white woman. Although he promised his mom to stop seeing Cindy, he met her again the night she disappeared. At the time, Silas didn’t know it was Larry who took her to the meeting point.</i></p>
<p>What did Cindy and Silas do when they met?</p> <p><i>They argued, because Cindy wanted to leave for Chicago, but Silas refused. So he took her back to the point where Larry was supposed to pick her up.</i></p>	<p>What does Angie accuse Silas of?</p> <p><i>She thinks he should have told the police about his date with Cindy and not let Larry take the blame for 25 years.</i></p>
<p>Who do they suspect of having murdered Cindy?</p> <p><i>They think it was her stepfather.</i></p>	<p>What does Silas remember when he goes to Larry’s place to feed the chickens and sees the high grass in the yard?</p> <p><i>He remembers how he mowed the grass with Larry and longs to mow his way back to the time when he was young and do things differently. Then he gets a call from the hospital that Larry is awake.</i></p>