

**“Crooked Letter, Crooked letter” by Tom Franklin. Chapter Twelve, RC task and key.**

***Having read chapter twelve, fold the sheet along the vertical line and answer the questions. Or work with a partner and take turns asking and answering the questions.***

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| 1. Why is Silas worried about French’s “interviewing” Larry?   | He knows him and his way of coercing people into confessions.   |
| 2. Why did Silas come into Larry’s room at night?  | He warned him not to confess to anything. He also brought him a book.   |
| 3. Why could Silas and Larry not own up to being friends at school?                                    | Silas is black and Larry is white. Such a friendship would have raised eyebrows at the time.  |
| 4. What does Silas finally confess?  | He tells French that it was him who Larry took Cindy to.  |
| 5. What does Silas tell Larry?   | He apologizes to him and tells him that Cindy only pretended to be pregnant because Larry would then be easily convinced to help her.   |
| 6. What did Silas do after the meeting with Cindy?   | He took her home where her stepfather waited for her.   |
| 7. Who does Silas suspect of having killed the Rutherford girl and quite possible tried to kill Larry? | It must be someone who wants to cash in on Larry’s reputation.  |
| 8. What does a woman from White Trash Avenue tell Silas about Wallace Springfellow?                    | He owns several guns and rifles and tried to have sex with a friend of hers. Her friend kept him at a distance by using her own pistol. To Silas, the name rings a bell. There is some connection with Larry. |