*Never Let Me Go Chapters 6-9 (61-111)*

**Comprehension Questions Chapter 6**: Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of lined paper. Keep these answers for future reference and to study for quizzes and tests.

1. How does Kathy try to make up for the fact that she hurt Ruth?(Name three ways. p. 61-63)
2. Name the artist and album title of Kathy’s favourite tape. (p. 64)
3. Why was Kathy so secretive about her tape? (p. 67)
4. How was smoking treated at Hailsham? (p. 67-68)
5. What was the name of the song that made the tape so special to Kathy? (p. 70)
6. What is Tommy’s theory about this situation years later? What shocking piece of information do we learn about the students at Hailsham? (p.72-73)
7. What happens to Kathy’s tape? (p. 73-74)
8. What do *you* think happened to it? Why might his be?
9. How does Kathy react? Why? (p. 74-75)
10. What does Ruth do? What does this tell us about their friendship? (p. 75)
11. How does Kathy feel then about what Ruth gives her? What about now? (p. 76)

**Comprehension Questions Chapter 7**: Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of lined paper. Keep these answers for future reference and to study for quizzes and tests.

1. Kathy considers her talk with Tommy beside the pond to be a “turning point.” What is a ‘turning point”? (Consider the image it places in the reader’s mind.) Why do you think Kathy feels this way? (p. 77)
2. Why do you think Ishiguro (the author) inserts the topic of soldiers being kept in prison camps in World War II into the story? What connotations might this bring about?
3. After Laura does her impersonation of a soldier being electrocuted, Miss Lucy’s face tasks on a ghastly expression and she says, “It’s just as well the fences at Hailsham aren’t electrified. You get terrible accidents sometimes.” (78) What can we infer from this?
4. Why does Miss Lucy interrupt Peter J. as he is speaking to Gordon in the pavilion on that rainy day? What were the boys talking about? (p. 80-81)
5. What does Miss Lucy then tell all of the students who are present? (p. 81)
6. What did Tommy and Kathy believe Miss Lucy meant when she said the students had been “told and not told?” (p. 82-83)
7. What is missing/omitted from Miss Emily’s message regarding sex? (p. 83-84)
8. What does Christopher H. tell Tommy when he gets a gash (cut) on his elbow? Is he serious? How do you know?(p. 85)
9. What does Tommy dream about that makes him worry his elbow will “unzip” in his sleep? (p. 86)
10. What does Kathy mean when she describes Miss Lucy as “troubled”? Why do you think Miss Lucy is “troubled”? (p. 88-89)

**Comprehension Questions Chapter 8**: Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of lined paper. Keep these answers for future reference and to study for quizzes and tests.

1. What was Kathy’s secret game? Why do you think she imagines this sort of thing? (p. 90)
2. Describe the scene that occurs when Kathy walks in on Miss Lucy. (p. 91-92)
3. What was Kathy’s reaction to what she saw in Miss Lucy at that moment? (p. 82)
4. How has Tommy’s demeanour (attitude) changed (again)? (p. 93-94)

**demeanou**r. n. somebody's behaviour, manner, or appearance, especially as it reflects on character

1. Why were the students confused about sex? (p. 95-96)
2. How was homosexuality treated at Hailsham at this time? (p. 90)
3. How does Kathy feel about sex? Why do you think she is so conflicted? (p. 98-99)

**conflicted**. adj. confused because of competing desires, possibilities, or impulses

1. Why do you think Kathy’s “plan” was confused when Ruth and Tommy broke up?

**Comprehension Questions Chapter 9**: Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of lined paper. Keep these answers for future reference and to study for quizzes and tests.

1. What does Cynthia E. say to Kathy about Tommy? What does she mean by this? (p. 100)
2. Why does Kathy remember trusting or believing Cynthia’s opinion? (p. 100)
3. Why is Kathy confused at this point? (p. 101)
4. What does Ruth ask Kathy? Why Kathy? (p. 103-104)
5. What does Kathy ask Ruth that lets us know that Kathy cares about Tommy? (p. 104)
6. What did Tommy say was happening with him at that time? (p. 100)
7. What does Miss Lucy tell Tommy? (p. 107-109)
8. What happens to Miss Lucy? Why do you think this is? (p. 110-111)