The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind

Chapters 3-4

**Worksheet A**

Please highlight or make note of any interesting or confusing passages you notice in your reading. If there is anything you would like to make note of for discussion, there is space provided at the bottom. The following questions will be used as a guideline for discussion in our next meeting.

1. How did Uncle John die? How was William affected physically and emotionally after his Uncle’s death? Have you ever felt like you have had trouble expressing yourself emotionally? How did you handle that?
2. What were the differences in policies between the old president and the new president? How did the change affect William and his family?
3. In chapter 3, William used to enjoy spending time in the *Mphala* with his older cousins. He found that they were sometimes censoring themselves when he was around because a “…boy can’t handle such stories” (64). Have you ever felt as though people were censoring themselves around you because they thought you were unable to understand the content? How did that make you feel? How did you handle it?
4. Why do you think Khamba stays around William? What types of pets have you had or have you ever wanted?
5. When William and Geoffrey were 16, they had a thirst for knowledge. In their quest to “know things” they began taking apart radios to understand how they work. What types of knowledge do you thirst for? What do you consider yourself an “authority” on or people come to you with questions about?
6. At the end of Chapter 4, why are William and his father worried about their family’s future? Do you have any current worries about your future? Is there any way to prepare or remedy your concerns?