

Q2 Why did madame Valmards
shudder at the sight of 2'
dleri.

A It was a sad looking place,
which for many years, it felt
for a place without a
mistress. Big, solemn oaks

grew close to it, and their thick-
leaved, far reaching branches
shadowed it like a pale place
and the slaves looked mirthless.

Q3 Why was Madame Valmonde startled
on seeing the baby? How was
her reaction different from the way
Desirée talked about the baby?

A Madame Valmonde startled
because as the baby grew
his skin tone became ~~so~~
darker than usual and resembled
a negro. This wasn't the case
for Desirée as she had not
noticed this change and in a
mother's point of view she will
never notice if her child is
black or white but was over-
joying on the fact that the
baby is healthy and growing
fast.

Q4 What made Desirée believe that demand was very happy about the baby?

A Desirée knew demand was happy about it as ^{the baby} was born. Demand hadn't punished any slaves and has even been lenient on the slaves.

Q5 What were the incidents that made Desirée realise that things changed?

A Demand's ways and manner awfully changed; he didn't make eye contact and Desirée couldn't see those lovely eyes of his and never spoke to her. He avoided coming home and when he did he would avoid the presence of her child. And spirit of Satan takes hold of him when dealing with the slaves.

Q1 Why was Madame Valmond amused at the thought of Desirée and her baby?

A Madame Valmonde still remembers the day when she first saw Desirée as a baby. In her mind Desirée was still a little girl in the eyes of Madame Valmonde.

B.1 "That was the all Aubigny's fell in love, as if struck by a pistol shot." What does this tell us about Aubigny family.

A This line tells us that the Aubigny were very impulsive and passionate in nature. At the end of the day story, we find out that demand's father had also fallen in love with a black woman and married her. He went to the

extent of never letting his wife meet her own son due to social stigma, but that didn't stop him from being with her beloved. Similarly, in the beginning, Steward had also not cared about Desirée's obscure origin and married her.

Q2 Why do you think Madame de Valmonde became ^{great} particular when it came of Desirée's marriage.

A Monsieur Valmonde loved Desirée and wanted the best for her. Due to Desirée's obscure origin, he had to ensure that Steward would take care of his daughter and respect her just the same. As a father, he didn't want her obscure past affect her future or marriage with Steward. He wanted to ~~ensure~~ ensure that ~~Steward~~ Steward

allowing demand to marry her
was the right thing to do.

Q How was demand's treatment of
his slaves different from that of his
father.

A demand's father was a more indulgent
and kind master as compared to
demand. Under him, I'ahia was
a happy place. In contrast, under
demand the slaves hardly smiled
and I'ahia turned into gloomy
and sad looking place.

Q Desirée looked at the baby,
and then at the boy, frowning him,
and let out a cry of shock.
Why?

A. Looking at the boy, the similarity between him
and the baby suddenly became apparent
to Desirée. Before that moment

love

her tone, for the lady had blinded her to the discrepancies that everyone else had noticed. For the first time, Desirée saw the la lady in a different light and was well shocked at the realization.

5. Desirée strongly protested the accusation of not being white: How were, ~~As~~ Madame Valmonde didn't why?

A The story doesn't mention whether Desirée was aware of her origin or not. However, in her letter to Valmonde, she asked her to tell Armande that she was indeed white. This fact probably indicated that ~~she~~ even enough she knew that the Valmonde's ~~are~~ were not her real parents, she wasn't aware of her uncertain origin. In that

case, Desirée's protest was understandably innocent and sincere. On the other hand, if we assume that Desirée knew about the uncertainty regarding her birth, her protest was still most heart-felt. It was more out of her indignation at being questioned than out of uncertainty about the colour of her skin. She couldn't believe that Armand would doubt her honesty and desperately wanted him to believe her. Madame Valmonde, on the other hand, was more practical and knew that she couldn't truly reach for her daughter's skin colour. However, that didn't change her love for Desirée and ~~the~~ the dials and she welcomed them with open arms.

6. Why did demande think that "god had dealt cruelly and unjustly with him?"

A During the time, whites considered the black people inferior to them and ~~was~~ enslaved them. We know that demande, unlike his father, ~~was~~ thought that blacks were beneath him and treated them harshly. Thus, he thought that it was unfair that his own wife and child turned out to be black.

7. Why do you think demande's mother never left her own country?

A Demande never left her own country because didn't want anyone especially her own ~~son~~ to know that she was black. She knew that if the secret were to come out,

her son would be a subject of ridicule in the society and wouldn't be able to lead a normal life.

Q. Did demand really want desirée to leave? Support your answer with evidence from the story.

A Yes, demand wanted desirée to leave him and go. There are many lines in the story that support this. Firstly, when desirée asked him, he clearly said that he wanted her to leave it is also mentioned that he didn't love her anymore. A close reading of the story reveals that demand was aware of the pain he was causing her but he still didn't change her decision.