

able to lead a normal life.

8. Did Armand really want Desiree to leave?
e? Support your answer with evidence from the story.

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

Ans

to believe her. Madame Valmonde, on the other hand, was more practical & knew that she couldn't truly vouch for her daughter's skin colour. However, that didn't change ~~his~~ her love for Desiree & the baby, and she welcomed them with open arms.

6. Why did Armand think that 'Almighty God had dealt cruelly and unjustly with him?' Do you agree?

Ans: During the time the story is set in, white people considered the black people inferior to them and enslaved them. We know that Armand, unlike his father, thought that blacks were beneath him and treated them harshly. Thus, he thought that it was unfair that his own wife & child turned out to be black.

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

Ans: Armand's mother didn't leave her own country because she didn't want anyone, especially her own son, to know his mother was black. She knew that if the secret were to come out, her son would be a subject of ridicule in the society and would not be

to Desiree. Before that moment, her love for the baby had blinded her to the discrepancies that everyone else had noticed. For the first time, Desiree saw the baby in a different light and was well shocked at the realization.

5. Desiree strongly protested the accusation of not being white. However, Madame Valmonde did not. Why?

-Ans- The story does not mention whether Desiree was aware of her origin or not. However, in her letter to Valmonde, she asked her to tell Armand that she was white. This probably indicated that even though she knew that Valmonde were not her real parents, she was not aware of her uncertain origin. In that case, Desiree's protest was understandably innocent and sincere. On the other hand, if we assume that Desiree knew about the uncertainty regarding her birth, her protest was still most heartfelt. It was more of her indignation at being questioned than out of uncertainty about the colour of her skin. She could believe that Armand would doubt her honesty and desperately ~~was~~ wanted him



1. Why do you think Monsieur Valmonde grew practical when it came to getting Desiree married?

Monsieur Valmonde loved Desiree and wanted the best for her. ~~But~~ Due to ~~the~~ Desiree's obscure origin, he had to ensure that Armand would take care of his daughter and respect her just the same. As a father, he didn't want her obscure past affect her marriage with Armand and wanted to ensure that following Armand to marry her was the right thing to do.

3. How was Armand's treatment of his slave different from that of his father?

His - Armand's father was a more indulgent & kind master compared to Armand. Under him, L'abri was a happy place. In contrast, under Armand, the slaves hardly smiled & L'abri turned into a gloomy & sad looking place.

4. Desiree looked at the baby and then at the boy fanning him, and let out a cry of shock. Why?

Looking at the boy, the similarity between him & the baby suddenly became apparent.

mysterious change among the slaves. Different neighbours started paying visits to the house for the no reason. However, Armand's behaviour worried Desiree the most. He spoke to her with averted eyes and there was no love in his eyes. He would avoid avoid desiree and he barely baby, and would often stay away from home. Moreover, he became harsh towards the slaves.

B. let us read between the lines

1. "That was the way all the Aubignys fell in love, as if struck by a pistol shot" what does this tell us about the Aubigny family? This line tells us that Aubignys were very impulsive and passionate in nature. At the end of the story, we saw that Armand's father had also fallen in love with a black woman and married her. He went to the extent of never of never letting her meet her own son to avoid social stigma, but that did not stop him from being with his beloved. Similarly, in the story Armand had also not cared about Desiree's obscure origin and married her.

seeing the baby? How was her reaction different from the way Desiree talked about the baby?

Ans - Madame Valmonde was startled to see the baby because she instantly recognized the difference in the colour of its skin. She knew that the baby was black. Desiree, however, was unmindful of this fact. She loved the baby dearly and was overjoyed that it was healthy and was growing fast.

4. What made Desiree believe that Armand was very happy about the baby?

Ans - Desiree was certain that Armand was happy about the baby because she knew that he wanted a boy. Moreover, she had observed a great change in his behaviour towards the slaves ever since the time the ~~only~~ baby was born. He has stopped punishing them and was lenient even to the ones who made up excuses to skip work.

5. What ~~was~~ were the incidents that made Desiree realise that things were beginning to change?

Ans - Certain incidents made Desiree realise that things were changing. There was a

QA let us find the the answers from the story.

1. Why was Madame Valmonde amused at the thought of Desiree and her baby?

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Ans: Madame Valmonde vividly remembered the day when she first saw Desiree would always be her little girl. so, it was amusing for her to think that Desiree was all grown up and had become a mother herself.

2. Why did Madame Valmonde shudder at the sight of L'Abri?

Ans: L'Abri was the name of the villa where Armand and Desiree lived after getting married. As we know from the story, L'Abri was a ~~bad~~ sad looking place. The house looked gloomy and was shadowed by oak tree. The slaves of the house looked miserable under the strict rules of Armand. However, it was a livelier place under ~~Armand~~ However, it was Armand's father as he was an easy-going & indulgent master.

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3. Why was Madame Valmonde startled on

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