

TUNI 250 (HONORS ADVANCED TOPICS)

SPRING 2018 – My Family's Always Been in Whiskey

Study Guide, Unit I: Bad Girls and Boys

Material from reading by Hewlett

1. Know whether or not it is true that, due to her **income** selling moonshine, Maggie Bailey had a **luxurious lifestyle**. Know whether or not Maggie Bailey had a **particularly extensive knowledge** of the **Second Amendment**. Know whether or not Maggie Bailey **ever served a day in prison**. Know whether or not, according to Judge **Karl Forester**, Maggie Bailey had **six acquittals** at **three different courts** on the **same day**. Know whether or not search warrants for Maggie Bailey's property were **often thrown out** because they were not written to include certain buildings. Know whether or not it is true that Maggie Bailey would **sell whiskey to anyone**. (Entire article)

Material from reading by Lee

1. Know whether or not, for her **101st birthday**, Maggie Bailey received well wishes from **President George Bush**. Know whether or not Maggie Bailey was reportedly **saved and baptized** at the **age of 75**. Know whether or not Lora and Maggie Bailey **had any children**. Know whether or not Maggie Bailey reportedly **still sold alcohol** from her home at the **age of 95**. Know whether or not Maggie Bailey tried **to avoid reading and watching news** as much as possible. Know whether or not **"Queen Maggie"** was the **only name** by which she was known to Harlan Countians. (Entire article)

Material from reading by Morris

1. Know whether or not, according to police, Dean's car was traveling **in excess of 100 mph** when he crashed. Know whether or not any of his friends and associates told Dean they had any **problem with Little Bastard**. Know **how many** Porsche 550 **Spyders** were made. Know whether or not the **nickname "Little Bastard"** was one that Dean had gotten **as a teenager**. Know whether or not, after Dean wrecked it, "Little Bastard" went on to cause **property damage, injury and even death**. Know whether or not Dean's **contract for "Giant"** provided for him to be able to **race while filming**. Know whether or not either Dean or Wutherich were **wearing seat belts** at the time of the crash. Know whether or not Dean hired the **customizer of the Batmobile** (for the television show "Batman") to work on "Little Bastard." (Entire article)
2. Know whether or not Dean acquired "Little Bastard" during the filming of **"Rebel Without a Cause."** Know whether or not **George Barris**, who decorated "Little Bastard," was one of the few people who **did not see an evil influence** in the car. Know whether or not Dean originally planned to race the Porsche in an **upcoming contest in Salinas**, but had to settle for racing a **Lotus Mk.X instead**, or the **other way around**. Know whether or not Dean originally planned to race the **Porsche in Salinas**, but decided at the last minute to **trailer it** behind his station wagon, or **the other way around**. (Entire article)

Material from reading by Wolfe

1. Know whether or not it is true that, although he frequently **drove loads of illegal alcohol**, Junior Johnson was never **known to brew it**. Know whether or not Junior Johnson was famous for the **"bootleg turn."** Know whether or not Junior Johnson's **switch to Ford** was met with nearly **universal approval** by the "good old boys" Wolfe meets at the airport. Know whether or not Wolfe regards it as probable that, at the time he researches the article, the story that **Junior is still using his old Chevrolet** to haul moonshine is **probably true**. Know whether or not it was not **until the 1970s** that stock car racing began to **build up a following**. Know whether or not Detroit discovered that the South was one of the **hottest car-buying areas** in the country. Know whether or not, on a track that is **fast and hard on tires**, one car might go through **ten complete tire sets**. Know whether or not, despite the **hardship**, Junior Johnson said he **"wouldn't take anything** for his experience in prison." (Entire article)
2. Know whether or not the **first lap** of a stock-car race is a **leisurely exercise** that allows the drivers to "ease in" to the real race. Know whether or not modern stock-cars are **too fast for their own parts**. Know whether or not, although fast, stock-car speeds are **still not as fast** as those in the **Indianapolis 500**. Know whether or not stock-car drivers will **generally readily admit** putting each other **"up against the wall."** Know whether or not, in **later life**, Junior Johnson came to **despise dirt-track racing**. Know whether or not it took Junior Johnson quite a while to **achieve any prominence** in dirt-track racing. Know whether or not, for **putting Lee Petty "against the wall,"** the Charlotte police chief threatened to charge Junior Johnson with **"assault with a dangerous weapon."** Know whether or not **"drafting" creates a vacuum** behind a leading car, causing both cars **to go slower**. (Entire article)
3. Know whether or not it is true that, by 1959, Junior Johnson had become one of the **most despised drivers** on the circuit. Know whether or not it is true that, in a way, qualifying runs present stock-car drivers **danger in its purest form**. Know

whether or not **A. J. Foyt** is one racer who has **challenged and beaten** the Southern stock-car drivers. Know whether or not many of the top drivers in competition are **poor at qualifying**. Know whether or not the people at the restaurant wanted Tom Wolfe to be **like Vance Packard** in describing Wilkes County. Know whether or not Wolfe believes that the obvious **high value** of Junior Johnson's home complicates problems of **class and status for him**. Know whether or not the residents of North Wilkesboro do not want to be **classified as "hillbillies."** Know whether or not **Vance Packard** once described Wilkes County as "the **bootleg capital of America.**" (Entire article)

4. Know whether or not there is **more money** in dirt-track racing than in **conventional stock-car racing**. Know whether or not **Junior Johnson** won his first Grand National **race on dirt**. Know whether or not Junior Johnson was one of the few people in his area who was **in the whiskey business**. Know whether or not, according to **Johnson**, during Depression years moonshine production was "a **gangster business.**" Know whether or not, once Federal agencies **got radios**, the balance of the battle between them and the moonshine runners **tipped heavily** in the **Federal agents' favor**. Know whether or not, according to Johnson, it was common for **Wilkes County runners** to use **smokescreens** and "**tack buckets**" to throw off pursuit. Know whether or not agents finally caught Junior Johnson after a **dangerous high-speed car chase**. Know whether or not Junior Johnson considered his sentence both **unfair and a punishment** for his **increasing notoriety**. (Entire article)
5. Know whether or not, despite the **enmity between the two sides**, there was a "**code**" **between agents and runners** that included **non-violence**, and it was expected to be followed. Know whether or not, according to Junior Johnson, moonshining is an **easy way to make a living**. Know whether or not it was possible to **completely disguise** the sounds of the cars used for running moonshine. Know whether or not his arrest **considerably dampened the ardor** for the Junior Johnson legend. Know whether or not Wolfe claims that Southern drivers **inspired Detroit automakers** to make their cars **go faster**. Know whether or not **tax on whiskey** extends all the way back to 1791, to the time of **Alexander Hamilton**, almost as soon as the Constitution was ratified. Know whether or not, today, the **price of liquor** is only about **15 percent tax**. Know whether or not Wolfe claims that the "Federals" (**falsely**) **argue** for taxing moonshine because it **poisons, blinds, and kills people**. (Entire article)
6. Know whether or not Junior Johnson considers **Bowman-Gray Stadium**, in Winston-Salem, to be one of the **safest tracks**. Know whether or not, according to Wolfe, despite spending **millions on tire tests**, Firestone and Goodyear have **not been able** to come up with a tire for stock-car racing **at current speeds**. Know whether or not one story has it that Junior Johnson **broke both his axles** performing power slides, but raced anyway because a spectator **loaned him an axle from his own car**. Know whether or not, according to Johnson, in dirt-track racing, **gasoline and tire and engine wear aren't much of a problem**. Know whether or not, according to Wolfe, the term "**good old boy**" is more likely to be applied to a male who is **older, rather than younger**, or the other way around. Know whether or not, according to **legend**, Junior Johnson won in a Chevrolet without a **single cent of backing** from Detroit. Know whether or not, like most **sports stars**, Junior Johnson is a celebrity almost entirely **within the confines** of the sport of auto racing itself. Know whether or not newspapers caught on to the **growing popularity** of stock-car racing **relatively early in the game**. (Entire article)
7. Know whether or not Wolfe believes that what finally put **stock-car racing in the spotlight** in the South was the **intervention** of the Detroit automobile firms. Know whether or not **softer tires**, for qualifying races, are **nicknamed "gumballs."** Know whether or not it is said that when Junior Johnson pushes it **on qualifying runs**, a ring of **blue smoke** appears over the entire track. Know whether or not, even though they are made on the **same scale**, a large number of **parts** in stock-car racing cars are **lighter in weight** than the same parts on a **street automobile**. Know whether or not stock-cars have **lighter sheet metal** for the body. Know whether or not having **floor gear-shifts** in the stock-car makes a **big difference** in stock-car racing. Know whether or not stock-cars **have speedometers**. Know whether or not, in stock-car racing, it's more important to know **revolutions per minute** than to know **speed**. (Entire article)
8. Know whether or not Junior Johnson claimed that his **time in prison** merely **worsened his problems** with his **temper and his resistance to authority**. Know whether or not Johnson won a **number of championships** in the **Modified classification**, but none in the **Sportsman classification**. Know whether or not **Fireball Roberts** was the man who discovered/invented **drafting**. Know whether or not **Grand Prix racing** requires more handling ability than **stock-car racing**. Know whether or not, at the **Bridgehampton course**, the southern racing drivers **frightened officials** with the speed at which they went **into the corners**. Know whether or not, driving a **Ford at Daytona in 1963**, Johnson set the all-time **stock-car speed record** in a **hundred-mile qualifying race**. Know whether or not, at Dayton, Junior lost because of "**drafting**" **behind Bobby Johns' Pontiac** in a vacuum so intense it **blew the rear window out** of Junior's car. Know whether or not "**stroking it**" means to drive **more recklessly** to outlast slower, less reckless cars. (Entire article)
9. Know whether or not, at the time of **Wolfe's research**, in the South, **baseball** was becoming far **more popular than racing**. Know whether or not **Junior Johnson's sports fame** is similar to that of **Jack Dempsey and Ingemar Johanssen**. Know whether or not, right after World War II, stock-car racing had an **excellent reputation in the South**. Know whether or not it is true that, **in the 1950s** Detroit automobile manufacturers discovered that a **significant number of "good old boys"** had begun forming allegiances to brands of automobiles. Know whether or not, **in 1955**, Pontiac started **easing out** of stock-car racing. Know whether or not the **manufacturer of the car** that was victorious in a **NASCAR Grand National stock-car race** would manufacture and market **specialty engineered, higher-powered cars**, pitched to appeal to **fans of the races**. (Entire article)

10. Know whether or not, in addition to the **grilles**, there is usually a **great deal of chrome** on stock-cars. Know whether or not, prior to the time at which he wrote the article, Johnson had been **winning consistently with the Dodge** he'd been driving. Know whether or not **Herb Nab** (Freddie Lorenzen's chief mechanic) said that his strategy was to **outrun Junior Johnson and outlast everyone else**, or the **other way around**. Know whether or not, because their land had **high crop yield**, Scotch-Irish settlers found it more profitable to **transport corn to market** and **sell it**, than to make **liquor out of it**. Know whether or not the **Whiskey Rebellion** broke out in Western Pennsylvania **in 1894**. Know whether or not trouble over the whiskey tax became **a symbol of something bigger**. (Entire article)