

## WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

Writers use many techniques to draw us into the story. To see how this works, answer these questions, and discuss how well that technique helped you to experience the story:

Who is telling the story?

What first draws you into Maude and Sallie's world? (Another way to ask this: when do you first feel like you can see their world?)

What surprises you about their world? (How is it very different from your world in an unexpected way?)

How is their world very much like yours?

What do Maude and Sallie, and even Aunt Ruthie, do that makes you feel like you know them?

Tell one color you saw, one thing you heard, something you smelled, one feeling you had on your skin, something you could almost taste, while reading the story.

There are some things we think we know about girls, heroes, villains, old ladies, helpful people, and strangers.

- ≡ Tell where you found something in the story that was not quite what you expected.
- ≡ Tell what each of them, Maude and Sallie, learned that might not have been what they expected.
- ≡ Tell what somebody might have learned from them.