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Bone was surrounded by negative behaviors and attitudes wherever she turned in her family environment. Her extended family couldn’t provide any more stability than her own mother could, which didn’t help Bone at all. Uncle Travis was introduced at the very beginning of the book when Anney got into a car accident while pregnant with Bone. Uncle Travis was driving at the time, and it was assumed that he had been drinking, because he was known to be a raging alcoholic. This is just one example of a family member that contributes to the dangerous life Bone is a part of. Alcohol can lead to many severe consequences, and Anney is very lucky that she didn’t lose her life in the car accident after propelling out of the front windshield. Uncle Travis is the husband to Ruth, Anney’s sister. Although, Ruth was a very comforting person to Bone and she could actually rely on her, she unfortunately had cancer and eventually dies after Bone had lived with her for quite some time. Living with Ruth was a positive experience for Bone, but I wouldn’t necessarily consider it a good decision based solely on the fact of Uncle Travis’s alcohol problems. Grey is one of Ruth’s sons who helped Bone rob Woolworths convenience store. This event supports the fact that even though Ruth may seem more responsible than the rest of the family, she may not be the best at instilling good morals and values in her own children, let alone Bone. Ruth’s other son Garvey also shows a lack of discipline and is always causing trouble around town. Another character that contributed to the family’s mayhem was Uncle Earl. Although Bone claimed Earl as her favorite uncle he still was not a good influence on her life. Earl was in and out of jail throughout the book and was constantly cheating and causing trouble. Earl and his wife also got a divorce in the book, which is never a good situation for a child to be a part of. Alma is another one of Bone’s aunts, who is married to Uncle Wade. After reading the book, I would consider Alma to be one of the most responsible members of the family. Although Alma is a good mother, her husband Wade isn’t necessarily the perfect father. He is also a liar and constantly cheating on Alma. At one point in the book, Alma leaves Wade because he will not give her another child because their daughter Annie died. Alma goes into a state of terror threatening to kill Wade, which leads to Bone going to live with Alma. Bone enjoyed living with Alma, but it was at her home that she was tracked down and raped by Glen. I’ve gathered that anywhere Bone turns being with her family just isn’t a safe option. It is obvious that the worst option for Bone is to be around Glen and continued to be abused, but I am not sure that any of her family members besides Raylene could provide for her in a much better way. With this being said, I still believe that anything would be better than living with Glen. The other problems throughout her extended family seem minuscule compared to that and could potentially be dealt with. But rape and abuse is not acceptable by any means, and a child should not have to stay in an environment that places he/she in such a dangerous situation. I believe that the only somewhat safe option was living with Aunt Raylene or venturing off from her family all together. Sometimes a new beginning is all an individual may need.