1. Why does Archie Weller decide to tell this story in the first person, from the perspective of Malcolm Morne?

2. Would it have been as effective if the story was told by Herbie? What major differences would there be?

3. What words are used to emphasise the differences between the “white” folk and the “black” folk?

4. What was your initial reaction to this story? Why?

5. Give four examples of bullying as shown in “Herbie”.

6. “That was the good thing about Herbie: no matter what happened to him, he never told—not even on me, and I was one of the worst.” Why do you think Herbie never told?

7. Malcolm talks about Herbie’s good points. If Herbie had so many things he could do well, why do you think he was bullied?

8. Do you think Malcolm conveys a sense of remorse in the telling of this story?

9. How do you define “bullying”? 