Journey to Jo’burg, Beverly Naidoo

Answer the questions and use your answers to write your summary.

1. What is the name and age of the main character/s?
2. Where in South Africa do they live? What do you know about the place they live in?
3. Where do the children want to go? How are they planning to get there?
4. Why do they want to go there?
5. Why do the children stop singing and walk faster when they get to a town?
6. Where did the children spend the first night on their journey?
7. How did they travel the rest of the way?
8. Naledi asked her mother once why they couldn’t live with her. What was her answer? (end of chapter 4)
9. How did the children know how to find their mother in the big city and what kind of help did they get to find her?
10. Who is Grace?
11. What did the children learn about buses and bus stops in the city?
12. What was the house like where their Mma worked?
13. How did Mma’s boss, the Madame, react when Mma told her that her youngest child was sick and she needed some time off work?
14. Where did the children spend the night and why?
15. What happened on the way to Soweto?
16. What did Grace tell the children about their oldest brother, Dumi? What had happened to him?
17. What was it that Grace described as “a time of fire”?
18. What did Naledi’s mother think of the time that Grace called “a time of fire”?
19. How did the story end?