**Amos Fortune, Free Man** from Los Angeles City College Cyber Writing Center
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Please discuss the following questions from pp. 130-145 of Amos Fortune in your groups.

1. What had Amos’s dream been since he moved to Jaffrey?

2. What does Amos want to do for Lois and her family? What is Violet’s attitude towards this?

3. How does Amos feel when he finds out what Violet has done with the kettle?

4. What is Violet’s attitude towards her actions and Lois’s family? Do you think she is justified in doing what she did? What does she decide to do?

5. Where does Amos go to think? What thoughts pass through his mind?

6. Why do you think that Amos decides to stay overnight in the mountains?

7. What sound does Amos interpret as “the voice of God?” (p. 141-2)

8. How does Amos decide to buy the land? What is his belief about land?

9. What does Amos find when he arrives at his house? What has Violet done? Why?

10. How does Amos feel when he becomes a landowner?

Mini dictionary:
p. 130 survey--look at, brook--stream, small river
p. 132 snare--trap
p. 134- fleet-footed---run
p. 136 shiftlessness--laziness, doing nothing
p. 138 ache--pain
p. 139 composure--calmness
p. 140 summit--top of the mountain
p.141 bellowing--yelling or moaning, a loud sound
p. 142 boulder--a big rock
p. 144 deed--a piece of paper which gives you the ownership of property