Purple Hibiscus Reading Guide pages 206-239
 Name

 Answer these questions as you read this section!

 How did Ade Coker meet his end?

 How did Papa feel about his death?

 Choose a quote to show how Papa felt.

 What did Papa do for Ade's family?

 What did Papa do that was out of the ordinary (bottom page 208-209)

How did the government try to intimidate Papa with rats? (208)

What does Kambili mean when she says, "The painting was gone. It already represented something lost, something I had never had, would never have. Now even that reminder was gone, and at Papa's feet lay pieces of paper streaked with earth-tone colors." (210) Why is this such a big deal to Kambili?

How does Papa punish Kambili for what she's done? Find at least 3 quotes as to how she feels and/or the extent of her injuries. (211)

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Why did Kambili lie to the doctor and not tell him she was feeling better? (215)

Kambili leaves the hospital and goes to Aunty Ifeoma's house to recuperate. What are four things that help Kambili heal while she stays at Aunty Ifeoma's house (they don't have to be physical things).

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What "list" does Aunty Ifeoma hear she's on? (222)

Why might being on that list be bad for Aunty Ifeoma and her family?

Aunty Ifeoma says, "When do we speak out, eh? When soldiers are appointed lecturers and students attend lectures with guns to their heads? When do we speak out?" Aunty Ifeoma's voice was raised. But the blaze in her eyes was not focused on the woman; she was angry at something that was bigger than the woman before her." (223)

What is that "something bigger" that she was angry at? What does she feel she should "speak out" about?

Why do you think Father Amadi takes Kambili to the stadium?

How would you describe their relationship? Look at the last line in this section (239)

Read middle of page 226. "It was what Aunty Ifeoma did to my cousins . . . terrified that we couldn't." Do you agree with the way Aunty raises her kids? Why/Why not?

Why is Kambili worried Aunty Ifeoma will leave because of the student riots and the university shutting down? (229)

Read page 232 "AnEarthworm . . . If you cut them into two, each part simply grew back to form a whole earthworm." Explain how this last line has significance to the novel? What else is cut? What else will grow back?