

Study Guide Questions for The Last Laird of Sapelo

What or who haunted Randolph the most throughout the story?

Who were Randolph 's most stalwart supporters and aided him as regimental commander? Why?

Why did Randolph resign his command and join the staff of Gen. W. H. T. Walker in Savannah? What challenges arose? Why did he like Walker?

Why did Randolph aid Hector? Was it right or did he pervert justice?

Why the title of a Laird?

How did differently did the Scottish landholders of coastal Georgia approach the handling of enslaved workers?

How different was life on Spalding land different with their enslaved workers?

Why do you believe the freed slaves of Sapelo after the war returned to Sapelo? Why have the descendants of the original Geechee families clung so fiercely to Sapelo Island as their home?

Do you believe History Matters? History is not as black and white as we have been taught to believe; there's a huge swath of grayness that blurs the understanding of right and wrong by our ancestors. The context of the times reveals much about our country's history. How different might the context of antebellum America versus our modern 21st-Century hindsight influence our understanding of the story? What modern parallels exist today that may be challenged by future generations?

If you would like to read more about life on Sapelo Island and devastated Darien following the Civil War, email mike@tmbrownauthor.com Let him know you want to learn more about how life changed on Sapelo Island in

the decades after The Last Laird of Sapelo ended.