

Directions: Directions: On a separate sheet of lined paper, neatly answer the questions below in complete sentences. You will be graded on neatness and quality of the answers.

1. When and where does the story take place?
2. Who is telling the story?
3. Who is the protagonist of the story?
4. Who or what is the antagonist of the story?
5. What is the theme of the story and why is it important?
6. Who was Bell and what happened to him?
7. Describe Old Yeller.
8. What does the way Old Yeller looks like give the reader an idea about his past?
9. How does Arliss react when he first sees the dog?
10. What are the Salt Licks and why are they important?
11. Describe two comical, events that happen with the old cart.
12. Why did the mother bear attack Arliss?
13. How did Travis' feelings about Old Yeller change after the bear attack?
14. What is hydrophobia and what effects does it have?
15. Describe the various methods Travis used in his attempts to keep Old Yeller from wandering off at night.
16. What did Bud Searcy tell Travis Coates when he visited their home?
17. In Chapter 10, Why did Travis decide to leave Old Yeller behind? What would you have done?
18. In chapter 11, what are the signs that Travis' leg has worsened?
19. How do Mama and Travis react when Bud Searcy offers to leave Lisbeth behind to help their family?
20. In Chapter 13, describe the actions of Spot and the roan bull during the next few days.
21. What horrific scene unfolds in front of the cabin in chapter 15?

22. How do you feel at the end of chapter 15? Use quality adjectives to answer the question.
23. Summarize what Papa tells Travis about life.

8th Grade Summer Reading Questions: *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck

Directions: On a separate sheet of lined paper, neatly answer the questions below in complete sentences. You will be graded on neatness and quality of the answers.

1. Who are the three important characters? Describe each using 2-3 details.
2. Describe how Kino's life is symbolized in "songs". What contrasting songs are emphasized at different times?
3. Describe Kino and Juana's community and way of life.
4. What is the difference between the "city of grass huts" and the "city of stone"?
5. Why does Kino want to save one oyster to open last?
6. What cures Coyotito's scorpion bite?
7. In selling the pearl, what disadvantages and advantages did Kino have? Include at least one for each.

Disadvantages:

Advantages:

8. By the end of Chapter 4, what decision had Kino reached concerning what to do with the pearl? Was he right or wrong to do what he did? Why?
9. List the reasons the pearl dealers give Kino for offering him such a low price for the pearl?
10. By the end of Chapter 5, the pearl has become a moral issue to Kino. How does he express it? How do you explain it?
11. How does the author explain Kino at the beginning of chapter 6?
12. What was Kino's final action? Why?
13. Now that you have finished reading the book, explain why the foreword says this story might be a parable (fable/tale)?