

FRA English Department Summer Reading 2018

We require students to do summer reading to help them maintain their reading skills over the summer, engage their imaginations, and provide a common learning experience for students in the opening days of school.

Additionally, the required texts for each grade are linked thematically to the courses and help students and teachers establish a conceptual framework for the school year. All assignments are due the first day of school and unless the assignment asked for charts, posters, et cetera, all submissions should be typed in Times New Roman size 12 font and double spaced.

Rising 6th

Where the Red Fern Grows-Wilson Rawls

Answer each question in a complete sentence.

1. Why does Grandpa say that Billy shouldn't tell his father about the dogs?
2. Why do the names carved in the tree seem perfect to Billy for his pups?
3. Why do Billy's parents think they should move to town?
4. How do the curiosity and the stubbornness of a raccoon enable Billy to trap one?
5. Why is Grandpa dumbfounded when Billy brings in \$50?
6. Why doesn't Billy tell his parents he is going to Tahlequah?
7. How is Billy's life different from that of the children in town?
8. Why do Billy and his father care about whether a raccoon is caught in a sportsman-like way?
9. In reference to Question 8, what does that say about Billy and his father's character?
10. What does it show about Billy's character when he buys gifts for his family?
11. Who is the man in the first chapter? Why does the author start the novel that way?
12. Why does Mama worry about Billy?
13. How does Papa's treatment of Billy change as the story is told?
14. Why doesn't Billy give up when his dogs have a raccoon up the "big tree"?
15. How do the Pritchard boys get Billy to accept their bet?
16. Why would a hunter respect raccoons?
17. Why does Grandpa put soap in Billy's pockets?
18. Why does Grandpa lock the store when he goes to the mill?
19. Why doesn't Billy want to kill the ghost coon? Explain if you agree or disagree with him.
20. Explain and cite textual evidence and the page number if you think Rubin would have really killed Billy's dogs if he hadn't tripped.
21. Why doesn't the author tell what Billy's father is doing with the money Billy earns?
22. What does Billy's treatment of Rubin tell you about Billy?
23. Why are Billy's dogs unusual?
24. How does Old Dan's behavior get Billy and the dogs in trouble?
25. Why do the hunters at the contest treat Billy as an equal?
26. Did Grandpa sign up for the contest for Billy's sake or his won sake? Give reasons to support your answer.
27. How do you know that Billy is a good hunter? What are his traits?
28. Why is Billy so willing to give his cup to his youngest sister?
29. How is Billy helped to understand his dogs' deaths?

Writing Reflection: Write a review of the novel, explaining what made it interesting or dull, why you liked/disliked it, and why you would/would not recommend it. It must be at least 1/2 of a page (6-7 words per line).