

Reader's Response

Directions

Complete each of the following sections. Use a sheet of paper to write your answers. Be sure to number your answers and to write neatly. Turn it in when you are finished.

Personal Opinions

Read each question below. Think about the story and the answer the question.

1. Which of the characters did you like, and why?
2. Which of the characters did you dislike, and why?
3. Which scene in the story did you like most? Why?
4. Was the title effective? Why or why not?
5. What other title would you choose for this book?
6. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?
7. Did you like the ending of the novel? Why or why not?
8. What do you think Billy will do next?
9. Did you expect the red fern to be mentioned more frequently, or at an earlier part of the novel? Why or why not?

Quote analysis

Read the following quote and answer the questions that follow.

“Glancing at Old Dan, Papa said, “It’s in his blood, Billy. He’s a hunting hound, and the best one I ever saw. He only has two loves – you and hunting. That’s all he knows.”

1. At what scene in the book is this statement made?
2. What did Papa mean when he said, “It’s in his blood...”?
3. When you read this quote, how do you feel?
4. Do you think the author intended for you to feel this way? Why or why not?
5. In your opinion, is it possible for an animal to love a human, the way a human might love their animal?
6. What ONE word would you use to describe Old Dan, after knowing that he gave his own life to protect Billy from the mountain lion?

