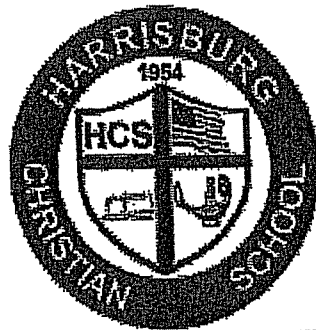


Harrisburg  
Christian  
School

*Summer Reading*

for students entering

English 9



English 9  
Mrs. Gordon

## Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to 9<sup>th</sup> grade English! In preparation for class, you will read *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck. This book is not hard to read, but don't wait until the night before school starts to begin the assignments! Your assignment is:

- To read *The Pearl*
- To complete the Vocabulary assignment
- To answer the questions in the Study Guide

The Vocabulary and Study Guide are due on the second day of school, **Tuesday, August 30, 2011**. These will be graded! During the first week of school, you will have a quiz on the book. After we have studied the book as a class, you will have a test on the book and will write an analytical paper.

*The Pearl* will help us transition from doing book reports to analyzing literature. This study guide is basically objective; if you read the book, you should have no problem answering the questions. Once we begin class, we will look much more carefully at the book, learning to analyze the literature, looking at what the author is saying and how he is saying it.

Have fun reading and have a wonderful summer!

### Vocabulary from *The Pearl*

For each of the following vocabulary words from *The Pearl*, the page number is noted in parentheses. Write the definition of each word as it is used in context in the story.

1. chattered (1)

2. pulque (4)

3. bougainvillea (8)

4. avarice (9)

5. suppliant (12)

6. estuary (14)

7. mangroves (14)

8. poultice (15)

9. mirage (15)

10. hummock (18)

11. lucent (24)

12. cozened (39)

13. freshet (45)

14. legerdemain (48)

15. collusion (50)

16. entranced (55)

17. petulant (80)

18. amulet (83)

---

### *The Pearl* Study Guide

Answer each of the following questions using complete sentences. For True or False questions, you may circle either T or F.

#### Chapter 1

1. What is the name of the song that Kino hears in the early morning?
2. T or F      Kino and Juana spend hours talking to each other.
3. What stings Coyotito?
4. T or F      The doctor refuses to help Coyotito.
5. What does Kino do before he leaves the doctor's house?

#### Chapter 2

1. What does Kino do to the canoe every year to preserve it?
2. What does Juana put on Coyotito's shoulder?

3. How long can Kino stay under water?

4. What does Kino do with the great oyster when he finds it?

5. What does Juana discover when she lifts the poultice from Coyotito's shoulder?

### Chapter 3

1. The new spread through the town that Kino had found \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The news came to the \_\_\_\_\_ walking in his garden, to the \_\_\_\_\_ who said "he is a client of mine," and to the \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the church.

3. T or F The doctor tells Kino that he was away when they brought the baby to him in the morning and that he has come to tend to the baby as soon as he could.

4. What does the doctor do to Coyotito?

5. Kino and Juana begin the new day with \_\_\_\_\_.

## Chapter 4

1. Why don't the fishermen go out to dive?
2. Who goes with Kino and Juana to the city to sell the pearl?
3. T or F      Kino's people had once tried to use an agent to sell their pearls.
4. T or F      Each pearl buyer worked for himself and competed with the other buyers for the best pearls.
5. What does the pearl buyer tell Kino that his great pearl is worth? Is he telling the truth?

## Chapter 5

1. What does Kino do when he discovers that Juana has taken the pearl and is going to throw it back into the sea?
2. When Kino gets to the beach, what had been done to his canoe?
3. Were Kino and his friends able to save his house from the fire?

4. To whom does Kino turn for help?

5. What does Kino say that the pearl has become?

## Chapter 6

1. T or F      Kino, Juana and Coyotito leave the town in the afternoon and travel by day.

2. How many trackers are following Kino?

3. Where do Kino and Juana flee to escape the trackers?

4. What happens to Coyotito?

5. What do Kino and Juana do with the pearl at the end of the book?