

### Old Yeller – Journal Book Report Instructions

**Due Date: SEPTEMBER 18, 2015**

Common Core State Standards: RL.6.4-6

You will be reading the book, *Old Yeller*, by Fred Gipson. We will read this book mostly during reading class (have your book with you every day). However there will be some “at home” reading required on Friday, September 11 and due on Monday, September 14. Also, students are encouraged to reread, at home, the pages we covered in class. There are 16 chapters (117 pages). After reading every 4 chapters you will write a letter to Papa from Lil Arliss. Note: This book is written from Travis’s point of view. Write the letters after chapters 4, 8, 12, and 16 for a total of four letters (all to be composed in the blue journal which I will provide).

You must include the following in your letters:

- All important events that happened in those 4 chapters (factual)
- Updates on Mama, Travis, and Old Yeller (factual)
- Lil Arliss’s emotions and opinions of those events (It is written from Travis’s point of view, but you can infer (to form an opinion from evidence) what you think Lil Arliss is feeling and thinking)

You will be graded on:

- Content (must include all elements from above)
- Believability (The must read like an authentic letters from Lil Arliss)
- Grammar and spelling
- Neatness
- Creativity

Sample Letter:

Dearest Papa,

I hope you are finding all the cattle. I feel bad because I got into the drinking water and Travis got mad at me. He was yelling at me like he was you, Papa. He even threatened to switch me with a mesquite sprout. Mama didn’t even seem to mind that he was bossing me around. Hurry home, Papa. I miss you.

Love,

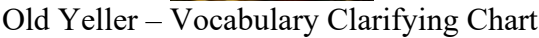
Your Son , Lil Arliss

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I have read the above book report instructions and will be responsible for the paperback book, *Old Yeller* if it is lost or damages (\$4.99).

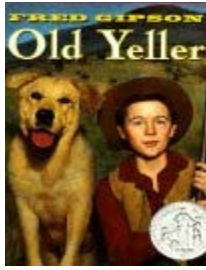
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Instructions: When you come upon a word or phrase that you do not understand, you should put it in the first column of the chart and the page number on the second column. We will fill out the 3<sup>rd</sup> column(meaning) together. This assignment is due on **Friday, September 11.**

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### Old Yeller – Graphic Organizer

Instructions: Use this graphic organizer after reading. Use this as a resource to assist you with your “Dear Papa” letters for your book report.

Chapters	Important events (facts from book)	Updates on Characters (facts from book)	Lil Arliss’s emotions and opinions (your opinion of what you <b>think</b> he is feeling)
1 - 4	Ex. Lil Arliss got into drinking water.	Ex. Mama was working real hard. Cooking and milking cows. Travis shot a doe.	Ex. Lil Arliss is missing his papa and not behaving well. He doesn’t want to listen to Travis.

Chapters	Important events	Updates on Characters	Lil Arliss’s emotions and opinions (your opinion of what you <b>think</b> he is feeling)
5 - 8			

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9 - 12			

Chapters	Important events	Updates on Characters	Lil Arliss's emotions and opinions (your opinion of what you <b>think</b> he is feeling)
13 - 16			