

NAME _____

Per. _____

Response Journals

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

Directions: Read each journal question. THEN -

WRITING PROCESS

PREWRITING: Think about the questions and **plan** how to present your ideas to the questions.

DRAFTING: Begin by putting your ideas into sentences. This is your first draft in the *Writing Process*.

REVISING: Look over the draft and decide what is good and what needs to be changed or improved.

EDITING AND PROOFREADING: Find and fix any errors. Correct errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics.

PUBLISHING: Type a final copy of your journal entry.

Each entry must be **typed, double-spaced, 14 pt.**

Comic Sans MS font. Each entry must answer the journal questions using detail and explanations.

The **aim** of your entry is to **inform** the reader of your ideas and thoughts. You may achieve this by giving facts and other information that may help to explain your answers to the journal questions.

The length of each journal response will vary due to the amount of information included in each answer. Use your best 8th grade English writing expertise. I want to read several paragraphs for each response. Each paragraph must include a topic sentence that tells the main idea you want to convey to the reader. Add detail sentences to support the main idea. End the paragraph with a closing sentence that makes your paragraph sound and feel complete.

The **Response Journal Assignment** is worth 100 points. Each entry is 15 points. $6 \times 15 = 90$. The additional 10 points awarded are for **presentation, neatness, time** and **effort**.

DUE DATE:

This assignment is due Block Days:

Wednesday, April 2 for 4th and 5th periods

Thursday, April 3 for 2nd and 7th periods.

JOURNAL 1:

Was T.J.'s fate due to circumstances of the time and place or due to his own character?

What do you think would happen to T.J. today?

JOURNAL 2:

What does the title of the book mean to you?

Why do you think the author chose it? Explain your answers.

JOURNAL 3:

What is the role of nature in this story?

Is it just part of the setting or does the author use it as a character? Explain your answers.

JOURNAL 4:

What is the difference between respect and fear?

Which characters act out of respect?

Which characters act out of fear?

Describe and explain who, how and why.

JOURNAL 5:

How does violence breed violence? What does this statement mean to you? Which characters use violence in the story?

Explain how and why he/she uses violence.

What is difference between physical and emotional violence?

JOURNAL 6:

Based on what happened in the story, what do you think happens to these characters next: Cassie, Jeremy, Mama, and Papa?

What do you think happens to the land?

What do you think happens to the Great Faith School?

Explain your answers with details.