

El Rancho Unified School District
English Language Arts

Grade Level: 8

Text Titles: The Pearl

Dependent Questions:

1 Analyze and discuss the relationship between Kino and Juana?

2 Write this claim using textual evidence: Even though Kino and Juana live a simple life, they are happy.

3 Write 2 Discuss the role of the canoe in the lives of the fisherman. Write with textual evidence.

4 Write 3 Why is the town being compared to an animal? What types of figurative language are used to compare?

5 Write 4 Discuss with a partner(s) the imbalance that the pearl caused in Paz. Be ready to share aloud.

6 Write 5 After reading the first four paragraphs of chapter 5, contrast the feelings both Juana and Kino have towards the pearl.

7 Write 6 When Kino first sees the pearl, it is described as capturing his light, giving it back in “*silver incandescence. It was the greatest in the world.*” At the end of Chapter 6, Kino sees the pearl as “*it was gray, like a malignant growth.*” What causes Kino’s change? Support your claim using textual evidence.

Academic Vocabulary:

collaborative

explicit

evidence

respond

relevant

pose

determine

theme

analyze

cite evidence

figurative meaning

specific

word choice

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Performance Tasks:

a multi-paragraph essay in which you discuss Kino's evolution throughout the novella. Support your response using textual evidence.

Essential Skills:

- Determine theme or central idea
- Analyze theme/central idea development
- Read and study material prior to participating in group discussions
- Pose questions that connect to the topics/ideas
- Respond appropriately with evidence, observations and ideas relevant to the topic
- Question and reflect on discussions
- Modify opinions based on new information or evidence
- Understand figurative language
- Interpret and analyze figurative language

non Core State Standards:

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