



# Old Yeller

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Family Read-Aloud, January 2009

Week Two

Monday, January 12

Read pp. 32-39

Ponderings:

1. What was Little Arliss playing with in the spring hole this time?
2. How does Travis feel about his pesky little brother, deep down? How do you know?
3. What would you do with the yeller dog at the end of this chapter, if you were Travis? Why?

Explorations:

Bears of Texas (Do grizzlies live in Texas?): <http://www.houstonzoo.org/BlackBear/>

Grizzly bear and cubs in Alaska: [http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/player/animals/mammals-animals/bears-and-pandas/bear\\_grizzly\\_teachingcubs.html?fs=animals.nationalgeographic.com](http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/player/animals/mammals-animals/bears-and-pandas/bear_grizzly_teachingcubs.html?fs=animals.nationalgeographic.com)

Tuesday, January 13

Read pp. 40-44

Ponderings:

1. What was eating and ruining all the peas in the pea patch?
2. Do Mama's meals sound good to you? Why or why not? What is your favorite family meal?

Explorations:

Recipes for wild game: <http://thewildgamecook.com/2009/01/01/southern-bbq-style-wild-boar-roast/>

Wednesday, January 14

Read pp. 44-49

Ponderings:

1. What mischief was Old Yeller getting into around the community?
2. How could you tell that Lisbeth liked the gift of an arrowhead that Travis gave her?
3. If you had a naughty dog that was running off and stealing from the neighbors, what would you do about it?

Explorations:

Arrowheads (The text at these sites is dense, but the pictures are cool!):

<http://www.texasbeyondhistory.net/theme/tools/gallery.html>

<http://www.texasarrowheads.com/type-gallery/>

Thursday, January 15

Read pp. 50-58

Ponderings:

1. How did Travis solve the problem of Old Yeller running off at night and raiding the neighbors' food?
2. What kind of animal kept raiding the corn patch each night?
3. How did Old Yeller help Travis with milking the heifer, Spot?

Explorations:

What is a corncrib? See a picture: <http://www.nationmaster.com/encyclopedia/Corn-crib>

Farmer Jack shows how to milk a cow: <http://www.monkeysee.com/play/3275-how-to-milk-a-cow-by-hand>

Friday, January 16

Read pp. 59-64

Ponderings:

1. How did Travis feel when Burn Sanderson came to get Old Yeller? How Did Travis feel when Mr. Sanderson offered to make a trade so Travis could keep Old Yeller? How does the author tell you how Travis feels?
2. What did Ma give Burn Sanderson in exchange for Old Yeller?
3. How would you feel if you were in charge and you heard the news that Mr. Sanderson gave Travis before he left? Why? Would you tell Ma, or not?