



Old Yeller

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Family Read-Aloud, January 2009

Week Three

Monday, January 19

Read pp. 65-69 (stop before the last paragraph!)

Ponderings:

1. What kind of animals did Travis need to catch and “mark” to show they belonged to his family?
2. How would hog farmers today keep their hogs separate from their neighbors’ hogs?
3. Which way of raising hogs do you think would be better, the old way or the new way? Why?

Tuesday, January 20

Read pp. 69 (bottom)-74

Ponderings:

1. Do you think Travis could have marked the hogs without Old Yeller’s help? Why or why not?
2. Is marking hogs a task you would want to do? What kinds of jobs on the farm could you do?
3. What kind of animal lives in the cave that Bud Searcy told Travis about?

Explorations:

Bat videos: <http://www.cavebiota.com/>. Click on “John O. Whitaker Ph.D Bats” and “Indiana Bat Roost.”

Also <http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/texas/press/press3522.html> .

Wednesday, January 21

Read pp. 75-81

Ponderings:

1. What happened to Travis when the dirt bank broke and he fell into the hogs? How did this part of the story make you feel?
2. Who saved Travis when he fell into the hogs?
3. Who did Travis want to help him and Yeller? Who would you ask for help in an emergency? Why?

Explorations:

First aid for kids: <http://www.scoutingweb.com/scoutingweb/Training/FirstAid.htm>

First aid for pets: <http://www.all-things-first-aid.com/pet-first-aid-12-common.html>

Thursday, January 22

Read pp. 82-85 (stop before the last paragraph!)

Ponderings:

1. After Mama cleaned up Travis’s cut, what did she tell him to do? Do you think he made a bad choice when he disobeyed her? Why or why not?
2. What did Mama ask Arliss to catch for her while she was taking care of Yeller’s wounds? Why do you think she asked him to this?

Explorations:

Lizards of Texas: <http://www.zo.utexas.edu/research/txherps/lizards/> and

http://images.google.com/images?hl=en&q=texas+lizards&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=X&oi=image_result_group&resnum=5&ct=title

Friday, January 23

Read pp. 85 (bottom)-90

Read-n-Feed tickets go home today to all who families who sent in an RSVP by Jan. 16.

Ponderings:

1. How did Mama, Travis, and Little Arliss get Old Yeller safely home?
2. What was Little Arliss doing on the cowhide when they finally got Old Yeller home after dark?
3. Share your own family stories about a time when you were in a tough situation but you found a solution.

**For next week's reading schedule and discussion questions, go to <http://machias.sno.wednet.edu> and click on Family Read-Aloud.*