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Old Yeller
Chapter 1-2

1. Why is the dog named Old Yeller?
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2. Who is telling the story?
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3. On page 5, Travis’ father says the Travis needs a good dog worse than a horse. Why do you think that he says that to Travis? What is a “good dog”?
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4. Make a list of some of the things that Travis does on his first day as the “man of the family”.
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5. How does Travis feel at the end of his first day being man of the family?
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6. Describe Old Yeller.
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7. How do the different members of the family react to Old Yeller the morning of his arrival? Why do you think they react differently?

8. On page 20, Mama sends Travis on an errand and tells him, “And while you’re gone, I want you to do some thinking on what I said about Little Arliss and this stray dog.” Help Travis in this situation. List the advantages and disadvantages of having this stray dog as a family pet.

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1. Why does Travis decide to take along the mule, Jumper, when hunting for the doe?

2. Travis does not take Jumper too close to the Salt Licks for two reasons. What are they?

3. What advice did Travis’ father give to him with regard to hunting deer?

4. What animals does Travis see at the Salt Licks while waiting for deer?

5. How does Travis feel when he thinks that he has only wounded, and not killed, the deer?

6. How does Travis try and get Old Yeller to get in trouble?
7. What goes wrong during the bull fight?

8. What stops the bull fight?
1. At the beginning of this chapter, the author tells us some more about Little Arliss. What do you know about Little Arliss?

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2. Travis has his own definition of the “windies” that are told by Arliss. What is his definition?

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3. What is your opinion of the windies that are told by Little Arliss? Do you think he considers them a lie? Why or why not?

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4. What does Little Arliss do to get himself in “real trouble”?

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5. What do Travis and Mama do to help Arliss?

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6. Do you think Travis and Mama are considering their own safety as they help Arliss? What about Old Yeller? Why or why not?

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7. What does Old Yeller do after Travis, Mama, and Arliss are safe?

8. Why do you think Old Yeller reacts in this way?
1. How have Travis' opinions of Old Yeller and Arliss changed?

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2. How do Travis' opinions of Old Yeller and Arliss affect the way he treats each of them?

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3. How do Arliss and Old Yeller help in the squirrel hunt?

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4. Why isn't Old Yeller hungry for turkey meat?

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5. How does Travis find out about Old Yeller's stealing?

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6. Do you think Lisbeth will tell the others about Old Yeller? Why or why not?

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7. What do you think would happen to Old Yeller if other settlers were to find out the dog is stealing meat and eggs?

8. What would you do about Old Yeller if you were Travis?
Old Yeller
Chapter 7-8

1. How is Old Yeller’s stealing problem solved?

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2. What makes Travis decide that his father had been right in stating that Travis really needed a good dog?

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3. How does Old Yeller help with the heifer?

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4. Who claims Old Yeller?

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5. How does the owner describe the dog?

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6. What makes Burn change his mind about taking Old Yeller away from the family?

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7. What trade is made for Old Yeller with Burn?

8. What food does Mama serve Burn?

9. What disturbing information does Burn Sanderson give to Travis?
1. What are wild hogs?

2. Why are wild hogs feared?

3. What does Travis have to do to the wild hogs belonging to his family?

4. What has Papa told Travis about fear?

5. Where is the bunch of wild pigs that Travis missed when marking the others?

6. How does Travis feel when getting the news about the wild pigs he missed?
7. How does Travis learn that a tree is necessary for his method of marking the wild pigs?

8. How is Travis saved from the hogs?

9. Where does Travis leave Old Yeller and why?
1. Mama makes sure that they take along a piece of cowhide, pillows, and a long coil of rope when they go to get Old Yeller. How are these items used?

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2. Describe the scene as Mama, Arliss, and Travis arrive at Old Yeller’s hiding place.

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3. Who saves Old Yeller and how?

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4. Travis and Old Yeller are ill from their wounds, so Mama has additional work added to her busy schedule. List some of the things she must do each day.

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5. Jumper’s name is appropriate. What happens because of the drought (drought)?

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6. How does Mama solve the problem with Jumper?

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7. What does Mr. Searcy do to help Mama?

8. What is your opinion of Mr. Searcy?
1. How does Lisbeth work out as a helper?

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2. Why is Travis surprised about how Lisbeth helps?

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3. How is Travis’ pride hurt?

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4. What seems to be the problem with Spot and the roan bull and how do Mama and Travis find out?

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5. What makes Travis shoot the roan bull?

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6. Why does Mama want the carcass of the bull moved from where it died?

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7. Why isn't the carcass moved?

8. While the carcass is burning, what problem does it cause for the family?

9. What decision is made regarding Spot?
1. While Travis is waiting for Mama, Lisbeth, and Old Yeller to return to the cabin, he has an uneasy feeling that something is wrong. Are his feelings correct? Why or why not?

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2. Travis hears something as Mama, Lisbeth, and Old Yeller return. What is happening?

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3. What does Mama tell Travis about the encounter with the wolf while coming home from burning Spot?

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4. What must Travis do with Old Yeller and why?

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5. How does Travis feel in the days after the wolf attack?

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6. Lisbeth tries to help Travis get over his grief by reminding him of something. What does Lisbeth tell Travis?

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7. What does Papa bring Travis from Kansas?

8. Does Papa’s gift seem as important to Travis now as it did when Papa left on the cattle drive? Why or why not?

9. After Mama tells Papa about Old Yeller, he gives Travis some advice. What does he tell Travis?

10. What happens to make Travis feel better?