



Response Journal examples Oct, 2014

1. Reader connecting with text = 5/6

“When the author goes and finds little treasures in the desert, it reminds me of myself when I was younger. I used to love to find rocks, feathers, and the occasional piece of twisted wood. For hours I would find little treasures on Tranquille beach with my dad.” BW

To extend this to global themes, one might add something like - spending time in nature is calming and peaceful and sharing the time and the treasures with another person is a way to build a relationship. Shared experiences can never be taken away like material things can. Even though Jeannette and her family do not have material things in their lives, they are rich in experiences, and Jeannette and her Dad do enjoy spending time together.

“I think it is kind of funny how both Jeannette’s Dad and Billy’s Dad are drunks, but Jeannette thinks her Dad is better than his. I think that not too far from this point she will start to realize how badly her father really does treat them and that he is no better than Billy’s Dad.” JP

2. Global Theme Connections 6/6

“I can relate to Brian saying that his Dad has let them down, because when I was a kid there were some times that my Dad let me down. But I realized that it is inevitable, because it is part of how life cycles.” CF

“There are a lot of things that we can experience, and one of them is making your own game, your own rules.” CF

“I agree with what Jeannette’s mother said about children turning out to be very rebellious when their parents don’t show them affection or anything at a young age. On the other hand, many kids get everything they need and more from their parents, but they still often take the wrong

path in life.” HM

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