**The Red Pony by John Steinbeck Homework First Years**

**The Gift ( Section 1 )**

1. In the novel The Red Pony, John Steinbeck describes in great detail the central characters of the story. In your own words describe **one** of these characters.
2. Jody is a 10 year old boy and the protagonist (main character) of the novel. From your reading of the first section what are your impressions of Jody**? PIE**
3. Billy Buck is the ranch hand on the farm, Jody and Billy appear to have a very close bond. Would you agree or disagree with this statement? Give at least **two** reasons why you agree or disagree with the above statement**. PIE**
4. Carl Tiflin, Jody’s father is described in the opening section as a “disciplinarian.” In your own words explain your understanding of this word. Do you agree with this description?
5. Would you agree or disagree that Jody and his father have a loving relationship? Give at least **two** reasons for your answer. **PIE**
6. The Red Pony is often described as a “coming of age” novel. By this we mean that the reader is witness to how the young Jody matures from a child to a teenager/young adult. From your reading of the first section can you give an example of where Jody matures and leaves childhood behind. **PIE**
7. The **setting** of this novel is 1930’s California, at the foothills of the Gabilan Mountains, at the end of the Great Depression. It is a very rural setting and life seems very simple. Can you make any **comparisons** with this setting and your life setting (time and place) at present .
8. Choose a **key moment** in the first section of the novel and discuss what that key moment reveals about the character involved. **PIE**

**Vocabulary Word**

This following **Vocabulary** appears in the first section of the novel. Explain the meaning of **each** of the following words and then place each word in an **original** sentence.

Stern :

Reservations :

Respectfully :

Disparagingly :

Incipient :

Rambunctiousness :

In an ague :

Can you please type the answers to these questions and send them to me through TEAMS or email them to deirdre.denning@lcetb.ie

If you have any questions message me through TEAMS.

Good Luck.

Ms Denning