



The Yearling

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While reading

Chapters 1–2

1 Complete the sentences.

corn hoe fence hunting wagging
tracks potatoes candle

- When Jody came back from his secret place the dogs were very happy and started their tails.
- Jody was so tired of working that he had to put down his and left, jumping the
- Jody's family ate and
- When Jody and Penny realized that the winter was over they decided to go for Old Slewfoot and started following the
- As it was getting dark, Jody decided to light a

2 Who said this? To whom? When?

- "Only me and wild animals come to this place."
..... to
- "Do you remember what I told you about the full moon in April?"
..... to
- "You are not bigger than a penny. Little old Penny Baxter."
..... to
- "I'll be back in a few months."
..... to
- "So you went down to the stream today?"
..... to

3 Color the mistakes and write the correct sentences.

- Penny was the real name of Jody's father.
- Ory had only one son.
- The bear killed Julia.
- Jody was very excited because the bear was now a friend.
- When Jody and Penny got to the swamp, they saw dead animals.

Chapters 3–4

4 Match the name and the description.

Oliver Fodder-wing Twink Weatherby
Lem Forrester Eulalie

- is the youngest of the Forresters.
- is Grandma Hutto's son.

- is the enemy of one of the Hutto's because he likes Twink.
- is a young lady who is liked by two young men.
- is the daughter of Mr. Boyles and put out her tongue at Jody.

5 Are the sentences right (✓), wrong (X), or possible (?). Check your answers with the rest of the class. Do you agree?

- Penny lied to the Forresters to get the gun that he needed.
- Jody shot and killed the Buck.
- Jody was excited when he saw the dead animal.
- Jody hated everything about Eulalie because they fought when they were small.
- Penny made Jodie return the knife that he was given because he was rude to the Boyles.

Chapters 5–6

6 After reading the chapters, check if these sentences are right (✓) or wrong (X). Correct the mistakes.

- Jody and Oliver were beaten by the Forresters.
- The Forresters took Julia and Caesar because they were mad at the Baxters.
- Penny was bitten by a rattlesnake and he couldn't get its venom out at all.
- Jody was afraid of asking for help from the Forresters but the was more scared of losing his father.
- Penny was very weak but when he heard that his son had come back home, he spoke to him.

7 Who said what? To who? Why?

Jody Penny Lem Forrester Oliver
Grandma Hutto

- "These people don't deserve to be helped but I can't leave them by themselves!"
- "I was right! Men are worse than wild animals."
- "What shall I do? Fodder-wing is one of my best friends and so is Oliver."
- "She is mine! I'll teach him a lesson."
- "Poor boy! I can't believe they hit him. He is so young."



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Chapters 7–8

- 8 Work in pairs. Finish the sentences.**
- When the Baxters were told that Penny could not work the land because he had to rest,
.....
 - Penny agreed to let Jody have the fawn for a pet because
 - Jody told Mill-wheel to leave because he didn't want
 - Jody was tired of carrying the fawn and he remembered that
 - When Jody showed the fawn to his mother, she only thought of
- 9 Work in pairs. Write next to the name of the person what each of them wants.**
- Doctor Wilson from Penny:
.....
 - Ma Baxter for the farm:
 - Jody from his father:
.....
 - Jody from Mill-wheel:
 - Lem from the Baxters:

Chapters 9–11

- 10 Read the chapters again. What happened first? Write the numbers, 1–5.**
- Jody and Buck have to go hunting for the foxes that have been eating the corn.
 - Penny and Jody go hunting for Old Slewfoot.
 - Jody learns that Fodder-wing is dead.
 - Jody visits Fodder-wing to ask him help him choose a name for the fawn.
 - A bear attacked the Baxters and Buck Forrester killed it.
- 11 What will happen, do you think?**
- How will Penny and Jody kill Old Slewfoot?
 - When will the Baxters and the Forresters be speaking terms again? Why?
 - What problem will the Huttos have?
 - What will happen between Oliver and his girlfriend?
 - What will happen to Flag?

Chapters 12–14

- 12 In pairs, decide are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X). Then check if your answers in Activity 11 were right.**
- The Baxters' dogs attacked the bear and Penny shot it dead.
 - The Baxters will give the Forresters half of the meat of Old Slewfoot.
 - Some strangers said that Grandma's house had been robbed.
 - Twink Weatherby and her boyfriend got married.
 - Jody and his fawn will be very happy together.
- 13 Match sentences with their endings.**
- When Jody and Penny were walking to Fort Gates to ask for help, ...
 - The bear was so heavy that ...
 - When Ory saw her husband again, ...
 - Jody told Oliver that ...
 - When Penny realized that Flag had eaten the new corn, ...
 - they had to cut it into four pieces to carry it.
 - she felt very proud of him.
 - they met the Forresters.
 - the Forresters had burned down Grandma Hutto's house.
 - he told his son to take the yearling out in the woods, tie it and kill it.

After reading

- 14 Discuss with another student which person in the book you like best and why. Each of you should choose a different one.**
- 15 Write a conversation between your favorite characters.**
- 16 Make a list of all the lessons that Jody learned. Imagine you are Jody and write about your most important lesson in your diary.**
- 17 You are a newspaper reporter. Write an article about the problems of keeping a wild animal for a pet.**



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Chapters 1–2

1 Write right (✓) or wrong (X).

- a Old Slewfoot was not in danger because he knew the direction of the wind.
- b Ma Baxter was happy that they would have to ask the Forresters for a hog.
- c Penny didn't shoot Old Slewfoot because he was afraid of hurting one of his dogs.
- d When Penny hit the bear with the end of his gun, he killed it.

Chapters 3–4

2 Complete the sentences.

- a Ory didn't want Jody to have a pet
- b After Penny and Jody killed the buck they decided to give the skin
- c Penny laughed at Jody, joking that
- d Mr. Boyles told Jody that he would give him anything

Chapters 5–6

3 Circle the right words.

- a When Oliver came back home he gave his mother *gold earrings / a buck skin*.
- b When Oliver learned what Lem Forrester was saying about his girlfriend he was red with *anger / sadness*.
- c No man can live on Baxter's Island and be *friends / enemies* with the Forresters.
- d Jody jumped on Lem's back and Lem *fell down / threw him off*.

4 Complete the sentences with the right word.

- tobacco liver venom bleat rattlesnake
- a When Penny killed the doe the fawn started to sadly.
 - b Penny cut the out of the doe and put it on his arm.
 - c The was making Penny's arm dark and swollen.
 - d When Penny was walking through the scrub he was bitten by a

Chapters 7–8

5 Write right (✓), wrong (X), or it does not say (?)

- a Doctor Wilson found it difficult to understand why Penny didn't die.
- b Penny was grateful to the doe because it helped him live.

- c Penny knew how to suck the venom of the rattlesnake because the doctor had told him what to do.
- d Lem Forrester is not mad at the Baxters anymore.

Chapters 9–11

6 Choose the right endings. Circle 1 or 2.

- a Penny told Jody that a yearling isn't ...
 - 1 as smart as a doe.
 - 2 as strong as a buck.
- b Buck told Jody that Fodder-wing's life was like ...
 - 1 a candle going out.
 - 2 the sunset.
- c Fodder-wing used to say that fawns ...
 - 1 carry their tails up like a flag.
 - 2 are as light as flags.
- d After Jody gave the fawn the name that Fodder-wing thought of, ...
 - 1 he felt both happy and sad.
 - 2 he cried all night.

Chapters 12–14

7 Circle the right words.

- a The first day that Penny and Jody were looking for Old Slewfoot they *were not successful / they found it*.
- b When the Baxters told the Forresters they had killed Old Slewfoot they *were surprised / didn't believe them*.
- c Penny was *grateful to / angry with* Buck for telling him about the bear.
- d Buck put on the bear skin when he got to the church and some women started *laughing / screaming*.

8 Are these sentences right (✓), wrong (X)?

- a When Grandma Hutto learnt that her house was on fire, she desperately ran to it thinking her son was there.
- b When Penny saw the tracks of the Forresters' horses in the sand, he thought that they were the ones who set Grandma Hutto's house on fire.
- c Grandma Hutto wanted Oliver to build another house for her on Baxter's Island.
- d Jody had to build a fence because the fawn was destroying the Baxters' fields.