

Where the Red Fern Grows



Chapter 5 - 6



Initial thoughts:

More of Billy's personality and character are revealed in the coming chapters. For a young boy to thrive in the wilderness of the Ozarks requires definite character attributes. What do you think would be important personality traits for a young boy or girl to enjoy life in the outdoors as Billy seems to?

ABC Vocabulary:

In each of the following sets of words, underline the one word that does not belong. Then write a sentence explaining why it does not fit.

1. hesitate pause temperate wait

2. reception greeting reaction benevolent

3. provisions salutations supplies goods

4. docile aggressive belligerent hostile

5. hamper agitate delay impede
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6. ventured chanced dared menaced
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7. intended described meant determined
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Questions



Cloze Call

Complete the following exercise filling in the correct words from the **Word Box**.

grit	goose	Hawk	grief	ear	mountain
britches	aggressive	three	dog	town	jealous
timid	sycamore	school	doghouse	stationmaster	fire
fight	gunny	iodine	marshal	cave	two

Billy told the _____ that he was planning on taking the pups home in a _____ sack. When the people started staring at Billy as he walked down the street, he thought that he might have a hole in his _____. Billy thought they were probably just _____. Billy grew very angry at two rude women and accused them of painting the _____ feathers in their hat with _____. When a freckle-faced boy pulled the pup's _____ Billy challenged him to a _____. The kids started chanting and calling Billy the _____ boy. Billy took on _____ boys, one at a time, before the whole gang piled on top of him. The town's _____ finally broke up the fight. When told by Billy that it had taken Billy _____ years to save enough money for the pups, he said that none of the boys in town had that much _____. On his way home Billy slept

in a _____ in the Sparrow _____ Mountains. The boy dog was bold and _____ . The girl dog was small and _____. During the night they heard the high-pitched scream of a _____ lion. Billy got the names for the pups from two names carved on an old _____ tree. When Billy returned home, he was immediately sorry to see the _____ his leaving had caused his mom. His parents informed him that one day they would have to move to _____ so they he could go to _____. Billy's dad told him that the big pipe was probably a _____ escape. With the help of his sisters, Billy made a little _____.

Good to Know

Tahlequah was founded as a capital of the original Cherokee Nation in 1838 to welcome those Cherokee forced west on the Trail of Tears. The city's population was 15,753 at the 2010 census.



Language Activities

A. Place the following words from this chapter in **alphabetical order**.

small	1.
river	2.
sack	3.
rain	4.
showing	5.
snickered	6.
staggering	7.
started	8.
tonight	9.
sweet	10.

B. Alliteration

The author seems to enjoy using **alliterations** – a literary device where the author repeats the same sound at the beginning of several words. An example is “I couldn’t see anything but **b**oxes, **b**arrels . . .”

Using your imagination, create your own examples of **alliteration** from the following topics. Each example must contain a minimum of three words.

The roar of a lion	
The banging of drums	
From your imagination	



