

Chapter Four

LITERARY TERMS: Be able to define each term and apply each term to the novel.

onomatopoeia _____

oxymoron _____

idiom _____

Enrichment Activity 4: Inference

DIRECTIONS: Making an inference requires reasoning and making assumptions based on the facts presented and what you know. Kino and Juana make inferences about events in their lives based on their own past experience, their instinct, and their observations about the environment. Study each of the following inferences and cite evidence that had led the character to make it. Then decide whether the inference is correct based on your own observations and the information provided by the narrator.

INFERENCE	CHARACTER'S EVIDENCE	CORRECT YES/NO	YOUR EVIDENCE
1. Juan Thomas feels that now Kino will be better off than before.			
2. Kino feels that educating his son will make them all free.			
3. Kino feels that a rifle will break down barriers.			
4. Juana feels that the pearl will destroy them all.			
5. Kino feels that once he sells the pearl, the evil will disappear.			

The Pearl

Chapter 4 Guided Reading Questions

1. How can the wholeness of a town or community be disrupted?
2. Why is there no longer any real competition among the pearl buyers?
3. Why is this a big day for the entire village?
4. In earlier times how did the pearl divers try to get a better price for their pearls?
5. What happened to the guy that went off to sell the pearls?
6. What did the priest say about trying to sell the pearl elsewhere?
7. How much does the pearl buyer first offer Keno for the pearl?
8. How much does Keno think the pearl is worth?
9. How is the village divided on Kino's actions with the pearl buyer's first offer?

After calling for the three other pearl dealers what does each one say about the pearl?

10. Dealer #1

11. Dealer #2

12. Dealer # 3

13. As Keno leaves the pearl Buyers office, what does the man behind the desk offer Keno for the pearl?

14. Where did Keno bury the pearl when he returned home?

15. For what 2 reasons is Keno's brother afraid for him?

16. According to Juan Tomas, when will Keno's friends not protect him?

17. What happens again in the dark of the night outside the brush hut to Keno?

18. How does Juana want to destroy the pearl?

19. What does Keno say when Keno again calls the pearl evil?

20. What is the plan for the morning?

Chapter 4 Inference & Analysis Questions

1. **Analyze:** "Now there was one pearl buyer with many hands," (p. 41): Are the business practices of the pearl buyers' ethical (fair)? Explain. Use at least one quote in your response.

2. **Recall: Setting:** In which city does the story take place? _____

3. **Perspectives:** On p. 42, what do all the neighbors say they would do with the money from the pearl? Do you believe them? Why or why not?

4. **Ethics& Inference:** Juan Tomás reminds Kino of an important fact business on their way to sell the pearl: those who have left the city in the past to seek outside buyers have not made it back alive. What does this fact say about the business practices of the pearl buyers in La Paz? Infer: how does it set a tone for the upcoming meeting with the pearl buyers?

5. **Describe** how the demeanor (attitude/mood, behavior, and expression) of the first pearl buyer changes over time from before Kino arrives until after. Use two quotes as evidence.

6. **Idioms:** What does it mean to "throw caution to the wind"? Provide an example.

7. **Perspectives:** Did Kino make the right decision? Would you have taken the highest of the offers (1,500 pesos) if you were Kino? Why or why not?

8. **Foreshadowing:** What happens to Kino the night after failing to sell the pearl? How does Kino's conversation with Juan Tomás foreshadow this event?

9. Use the following quote as inspiration for an illustration and sketch the descriptive setting below:

"The sun was hot yellow that morning, and it drew moisture from the estuary and the gulf and hung it in shimmering scarves in the air so the air vibrated and vision was insubstantial. A vision hung in the north of the city – the vision of a mountain that was over two hundred miles away, and the high slopes of this mountain were swaddled with pines and a great stone peak arose above the timber line," (42).

