

Directions: The Red Pony by John Steinbeck

## **Literary Terms**

**Episodic Novella** is a narrative in which each chapter is complete in itself.

**Realism** is a type of literature that is an accurate imitation of life as it is - not as we would like it to be.

Answer the following prompts in complete grammatically correct sentences. Please write on every other line. Use blue or black ink or pencil. If you are typing, use Arial or Times New Roman, font size 12.

## **Beginning-Assignments - Read the information about John Steinbeck.**

1. Based on your reading, write five things you know about the author that you think will be reflected in your reading.
2. Based on the Literary Terms above make two predictions of what you will see in the text.

## **Body-Assignments**

1. Chapters 1 pages 1-37
2. Chapters 2 pages 38-55
3. Chapters 3 pages 56-79
4. Chapters 4 pages 80-100

For each of the chapters write:

- **The chapter number and title**
- **A summary**
- **Something that a character does, and tell what character trait is revealed**
- **Tell what topic and theme is being conveyed by what the character has done**
- **Is there a connection to John Steinbeck's life?**
- **Is there a connection is your life?**
- **Give at least three literary terms and at least one example of each term from the text**
- **Explain why the author used that literary term. What point is the author making?**

Give at least **one question**, **one observation**, and **one comment** on the reading.

## End- Assignment

**Directions: Use the standard class heading. If you are writing, double space.**

At the end of the book, in at least a five paragraph essay, discuss each of the following bullets and how they helped communicate the life lessons that have made The Red Pony a classic novella:

- Explain how the things you wrote about the author **were** reflected in the novella
- Give the theme and support it with at least three examples from the text
- Tell why Mr. Steinbeck chose that theme and relate it to your life
- Would you recommend this book to someone else to read?
- **Why or why not?**

This will be graded.

There will be an Accelerated Reader test.