

Small Group Discussions -- The Pearl  
 John Steinback  
 English 9H Chapters 1-3

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Animal imagery – using details about animals that make a literary work more vivid; tends to appeal to the senses and to make your reading easier to understand.

**Assignment:** Discuss and list examples of animal imagery that Steinback uses in The Pearl. Explain briefly the significance of each example. (some pages to look for examples – 3,4,5,6,10,17,18,23,25, 27,30-middle,32,37,43,48) Continue using this sheet throughout the novella: as you read record more examples and their significance.

Chapter 1

1. (example) “roosters had been crowing..” (1)– adds to setting
2. “pigs already beginning their ceaseless turning of twigs..”(1)—shows the town’s poverty

Chapter 2

Chapter 3

Ideas to consider: The good vs. evil theme  
 Explaining the setting  
 Poverty/hunger  
 Communication  
 Will to survive  
 Wealth/society  
 Illustrating size  
 Source of income; making a living