

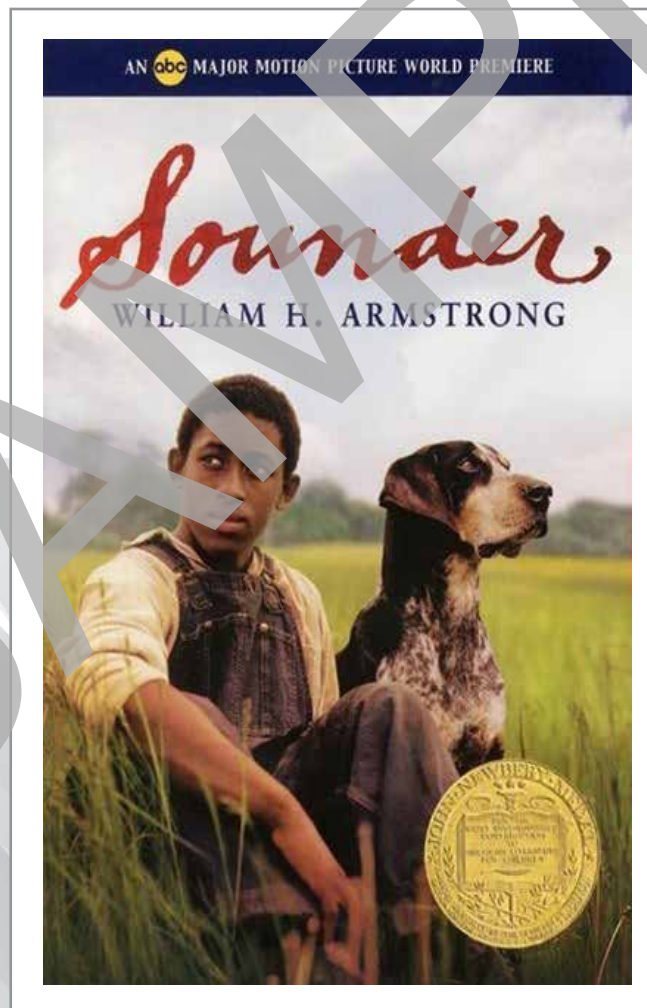


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GRADES 6-8

Sounder

William H. Armstrong



READ, WRITE, THINK, DISCUSS AND CONNECT

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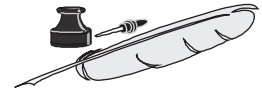
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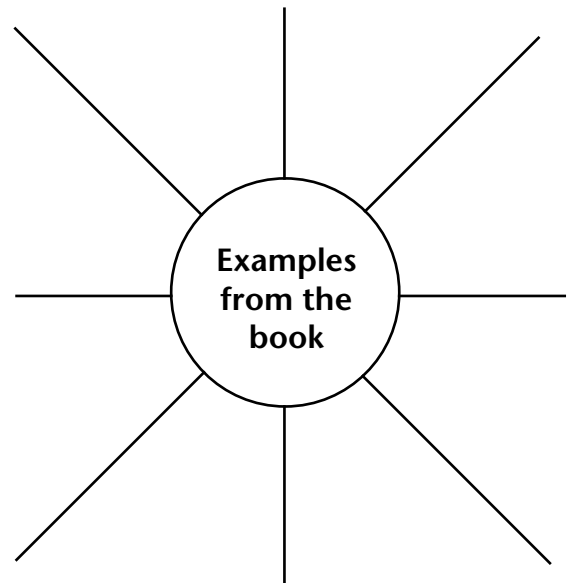
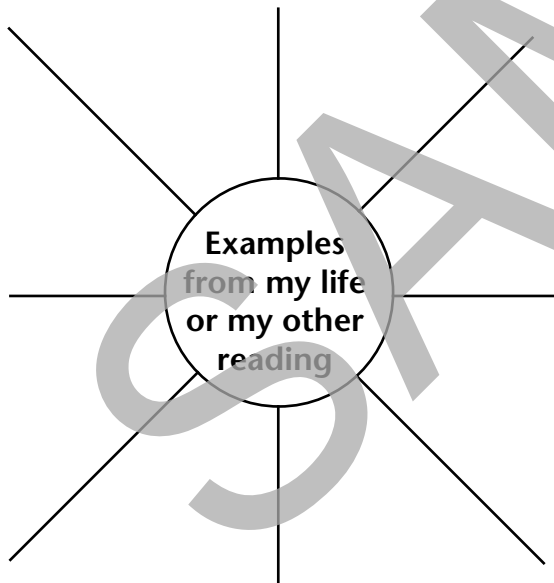
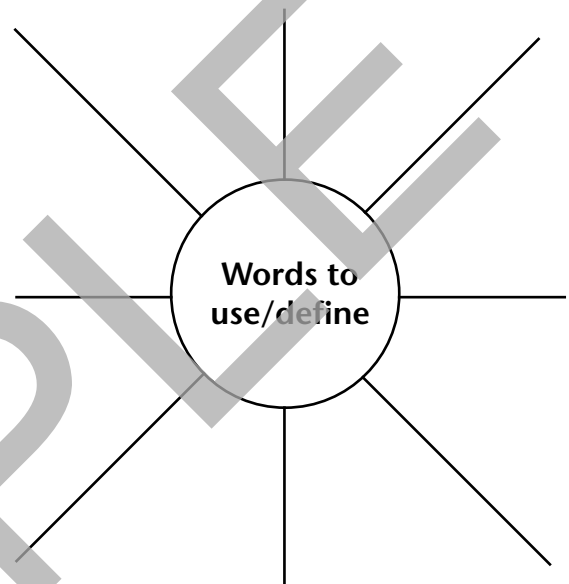
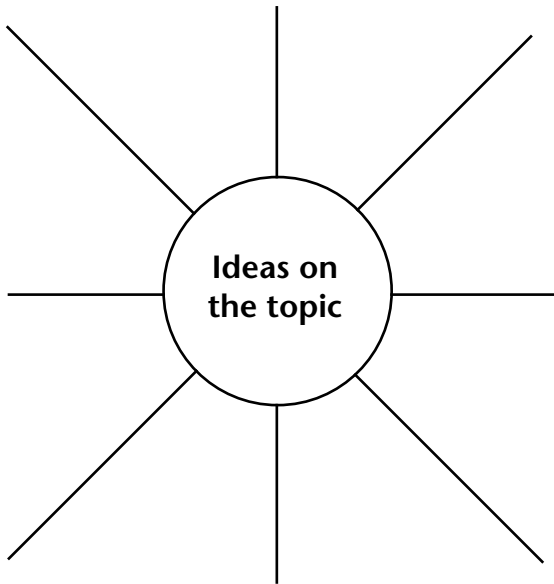
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Name _____

Organizing for Writing



Directions: Collect your pre-writing ideas here. First try to generate as many ideas as possible. Then highlight your best ideas and start to write.



First Draft of my first sentence: _____

Study Questions

Chapter I:

1. What is the condition of the family introduced in Chapter I? Use examples from the book to support your answer.
2. From whose viewpoint is the story being told?
3. What clues do you find in Chapter I to the rest of the story?

Chapter II:

1. Compare the treatment of the father, the boy, and the dog.
2. Look for clues as to the time of the novel.
3. Identify the following details from the story.

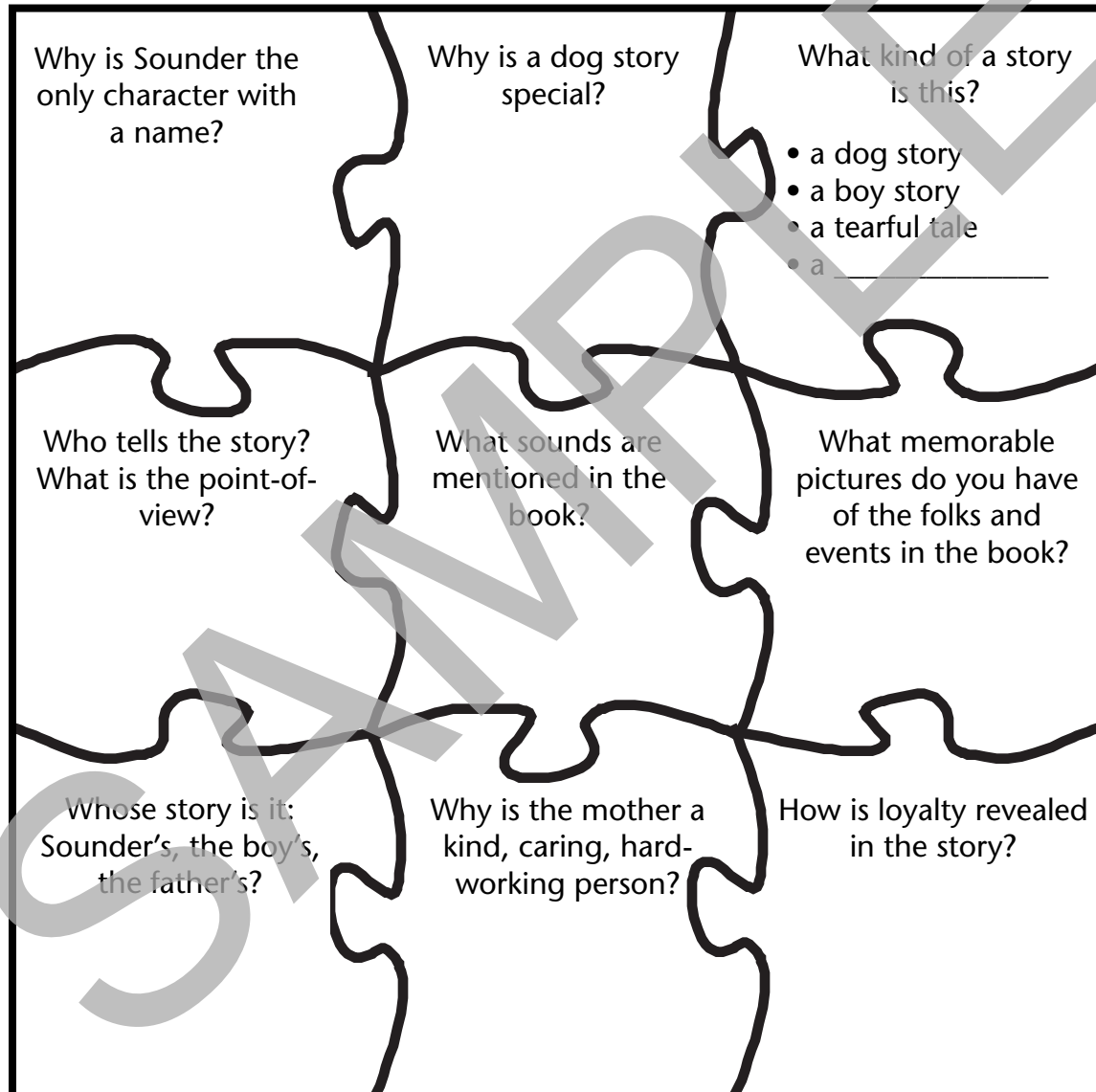
Tin pan—

Humming—

Oak slab—

Putting Together the *Sounder* Puzzle

Directions: *Sounder* is an appealing, well-read book. What makes it special? Use the puzzle board. Answer each puzzle part in a sentence or two.



Colloquialisms

Directions: Colloquial expressions are informal conversations or speech patterns particular to a certain region. Locate the following colloquial expressions in the book. From context clues, figure out what each expression means, filling in the chart below. Once you've completed your defining, use the lettered listing (see next page) to match up your definition with the Novel Units definitions provided.

Chapter	Expression	Context Clue Definition
I	Meetin' house	
I	Ham-boilin'	
II	Meetin'-house story	
II	Be addled in his sleep	
III	Hollerin' distance	
III	Warmin' in the cold bones	
IV	Vitals	
IV	Poke up the fire	
V	Grieve him	
V	Fret yourself	
VI	Earthly power	
VI	Time's passin'	
VII	Wearing Sunday clothes	
VII	Conjured	
VIII	Been kindly to your hurts	
VIII	Mighty peart	

EXTRA CREDIT! Other colloquial expressions I've heard or read:

Directions: *Sounder* suggests **comparisons**—between the reader and the book’s characters, between the principal family in the book and the outside world. Using the T-charts below, fill in some ideas about these juxtaposed concepts. Then, in a short paragraph, summarize what the comparisons mean to you and how they increase your understanding and appreciation of the book.

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