

## Summer Reading for ESL Literature Seminar

*Where the Lilies Bloom* is the reading selection for this course over the summer. You will be expected to purchase the novel and read it carefully. There will be three quizzes that you must take and submit on Canvas by the first day of class. There will also be a project to complete which includes three essays and a final monologue. This summer reading assignment will also be posted in Canvas in the Literature Seminar class.

### ***Where the Lilies Bloom* by Vera and Bill Cleaver ISBN#: 9780064470056**

#### Quiz #1 Chapters 1-4

Label each of the following statements either TRUE or FALSE.

1. The novel takes place in a town named Trial, which is located in the Great Smoky Mountains.
2. The travelers to Trial, Sugar Boy and Old Joshua, thought that the place was the most beautiful they had ever seen.
3. The traveler described the valley in spring as a land where the lilies bloom.
4. The narrator is Devola, age 18.
5. Devola is "cloudy-headed" and often doesn't remember the things that she did; she has a child's mind.
6. The Luther's go to the mountains to gather leaves and sell them.
7. Devola, a hard-worker, wants to marry Kiser Pease.
8. Kiser Pease, a man of almost 40, was superstitious, so he closed his chimney, keeping witches from getting into his house.
9. Ima Dean and Romey were friends of Roy and Mary Call Luther.
10. If Roy Luther allowed Devola to marry Kiser, then Roy Luther wouldn't have to give Kiser the money it was said that he owed.
11. If Mary Call married Kiser, then Kiser would give the Luther's 20 acres of land and the house in which they were living.
12. Mary Call thinks that Kiser is old, greedy, and a cheat.
13. According to Mary Call, Roy Luther had earned the house and the land on which his family lived through sharecropping.
14. Kiser was lonely but had many friends in the valley.
15. Roy Luther was sick and constantly coughing.
16. The Luther's house was falling down and in great disrepair.
17. Roy Luther tells Mary Call that when he dies, she is to call a preacher and the undertaker to bury him properly.
18. Cosby Luther, Roy's sister, never married and never left Trial; she dies of the fever.
19. Mary Call promised Roy that she would always keep Devola with her.
20. Mary Call promised Roy that she and her mother would take good care of the children.
21. After Roy died, he never wanted his family to take charity because he wanted pride in the Luther name.

22. Roy Luther wanted to be buried in the cemetery behind Trial's only church.
23. One of Mary Call's responsibilities after Roy Luther's death will be to make sure that each sibling is adopted by a good family in the valley.
24. Roy Luther made Mary Call promise to agree to Devola's marriage to Kiser, if she should so choose.
25. Mary Call believes that worms started Roy Luther's sickness, making him not care anymore.
26. When Roy Luther sees a doctor, the doctor rubs turpentine around his throat.
27. Mary Call wishes that Roy Luther's death would come soon, so she could pull all of their lives together.
28. Devola usually does most of the cooking, providing rabbit, squirrel, and turkey, a few vegetables, and something sweet to end the meal.
29. Romey asks Mary Call to buy him some books, so he won't be ignorant.
30. Roy Luther's mother died after a doctor operated to remove a growth on her neck.
31. At age ten, Romey would become the farmer of the family after Roy's death; he would not make a good farm boy.
32. Romey suspected that something was wrong with Kiser Pease because he had not seen smoke coming from his chimney, and he had been coughing badly when he saw him last.
33. Romey and May Call picked lambs-quarters to treat Kiser's illness.
34. When Devola and Mary Call first arrived at Kiser's house, they found him very sick and not able to recognize them.
35. The Luther's had very strong, white teeth due to brushing their teeth with salt and winter-green leaves.
36. Romey was sent to Kiser's basement to get onions; he was surprised to find a lot of food stored there.
37. Kiser thought that Mary Call was his sister, so he asked to make peace with her.
38. It was easy for the Luther children to move Kiser to the bathroom for his treatment because he was so thin from his illness.
39. Mary Call told Kiser that he didn't deserve to die, so she would try to save him.
40. The Luther's treated Kiser's pneumonia by wrapping him in cooked onions and steaming hot towels.
41. When Kiser finally became conscious, Mary Call made him sign a document to give the Luther's the house, in which they were living but Kiser owned, and the land which Roy Luther farmed.
42. To Mary Call, Kiser might be a bully, but he was generous with his money and was always honest.
43. Romey wrote Kiser an IOU for the money they borrowed, the vegetables, honey, ham, and frozen chickens.
44. Mary Call was worried about Roy Luther dying because then his responsibilities and the children would become hers.
45. It was decided that the Luther's wouldn't make any unnecessary trips to the General Store because they had no money.
46. Mary Call found a hand-knitted sweater at the bottom of her mother's chest.
47. "Wild Gold" was a metal found in the Great Smoky Mountains.

48. With Roy Luther's death coming soon, Romey wanted to know who was going to take care of him and cook his meals.
49. Kiser Pease arrived at the Luther's home to see Roy Luther.
50. Mary Call acted like Romey's mother, correcting his grammar and teaching him good manners.
51. Kiser told Mary Call that after Roy's death they could stay in the house until spring but would have to pay rent.
52. Mary Call disapproved of the way Roy Luther always agreed with Kiser and did what he asked; she felt that her father was nothing more than a slave to Kiser.
53. Mary Call told Kiser Pease that her plan was to stay on the land they owned and farm it and continue to live in the house, which they now owned.
54. Kiser remembered signing the document, which gave 20 acres of land and the house to the Luther's.
55. Mary Call decided that the family would earn money by farming.
56. When they became rich, Devola Luther wanted a car and a pink dress with matching shoes.
57. Roy Luther would have agreed with Mary Call's plan to earn money.
58. The Luther's felt freedom because they didn't have to depend on anyone anymore, yet they felt anxious because they didn't know if they could survive.
59. Mr. Connell lived next to the Luther's and helped them pick the leaves of plants to be used as medicines.
60. Mr. Connell was sad, kind, encouraging, gave good advice.
61. Mrs. Connell had a dishonest smile, was religious, and shrewd.
62. Mrs. Connell believed Mary Call when she was told that Roy Luther was getting better.
63. Mary Call bought sugar, corn meal, and razor blades at the General Store with the money that she received from selling her leaves.
64. Mr. Connell gave Mary Call advice about being a wildcrafter.
65. If Roy Luther should die, Mary Call and Romey's plan was to immediately tell Mr. Connell, so he could help with the funeral arrangements.
66. Romey responded quite rudely to both Mr. and Mrs. Connell, according to Mary Call.

## Quiz #2 Chapters 5-9

Label each of the statements either TRUE or FALSE.

1. Wildcrafting was popular in the area because one could make a lot of money, and it was an easy job, with very little danger.
2. Romey shot a rattlesnake, which the Luther's had encountered while wildcrafting.
3. The Luther's not only picked plants for medicine but also flowers for the florist.
4. Romey especially liked gathering pollen because all he had to do was shake the plant stems into a basket.
5. When the Luther's thought that they were going to be rich, Devola said that she wanted to buy a car, while Romey would buy a book and yellow shoes for Ima Dean.

6. The Luther's found and dug up ginseng, an herb to be used as a medicine.
7. Mary Call said that whatever money they made from wildcrafting, \$10 would first be put in the money box to save.
8. After wildcrafting one morning, the one thing that Mary Call said she had forgotten to do was reseed what they had picked.
9. Mary Call lied to Roy Luther, telling him that Kiser Pease had given the Luther's the land and house they lived in; he even wanted to write it down on paper and sign his name.
10. Kiser told Mary Call that he would lend her his tractor and horses so that she could work the land in the spring.
11. Although Mr. Connell paid Mary Call for the goldenseal, he was not happy about it; he thought that she wanted too much money.
12. At Mr. Connell's, Ima Dean bought a gold and ruby ring, while Romey and Mary Call bought drinks.
13. Mary Call bought flour, sugar, and two cans of peaches.
14. The Connell's lived in the same building as the General Store.
15. Mr. Connell told Mary Call that he very much wanted to visit Roy Luther, even though Mrs. Connell didn't think it was a good idea.
16. Mrs. Connell thought that Romey and Ima Dean were such polite children that she gave them a bag of free candy.
17. When Mrs. Connell commented about Ima Dean's threadbare clothes, Ima Dean gave an excuse; instead she only thanked Mrs. Connell for the candy.
18. Ima Dean threw away the free candy, which Mrs. Connell had given them.
19. Roy Luther died during the night, so when the children awoke the next morning, Mary Call had them go into Roy Luther's room to see him one last time before they buried him.
20. Romey was the only Luther child to question Mary about her behavior, the morning after Roy Luther died.
21. Mrs. Connell said that she would visit Roy Luther to bring him some fresh oatmeal bread.
22. Mary Call and Romey dug Roy Luther's grave up on Old Joshua; they did not call a preacher or an undertaker.
23. Mary Call didn't want anyone besides the children to know of Roy Luther's death because they wouldn't be a family anymore.
24. Mary Call ate Roy Luther's dinner, pretending that he was still alive.
25. Roy Luther told Mary Call that people would never understand death.
26. When the Connell's visited the Luther's, Mary Call invited them into the house but said that Roy Luther was asleep.
27. Mrs. Connell complimented Roy Luther for keeping the family together and not asking for any help, yet she warned Mary Call that there might be a time when she needs help.
28. Mary Call and Romey tied Roy Luther's body to a horse that they had borrowed from Kiser, to get him up the mountain.
29. On their hike up the mountain to bury Roy Luther, an animal kept following them, ready to attack and eat the body.
30. Romey felt that Roy Luther should have a proper burial, especially since they had the money.
31. Mary Call's reaction to Roy Luther's burial was the same as Romey's; she was angry and upset.

32. At the time that they buried Roy Luther, Romey said that even though Roy would whip them if they misbehaved, he treated them equally.
33. Devola accepted Roy Luther's death quietly, while Ima Dean cried and started to beat the rooster, wanting Mary Call to kill it.
34. Mary Call told her siblings that the door of Roy Luther's room would always stay closed, and they would pretend that he was sleeping.
35. Only Kiser could be told that Roy Luther had died.
36. Mary Call told Romey that it would be dangerous to go to school because someone might find out about Roy Luther's death.
37. Mary Call wanted Romey to become a "happy pappy" when he grew up.
38. Romey was worried about Devola and Ima Dean telling people that Roy Luther was dead, so he suggested putting up signs by the house to keep people away.
39. Kiser told Mary Call that she should be sweet and nice like Devola.
40. Kiser told Mary Call that she should allow Mary Call to marry him because he would provide all the money they needed, and he would give Roy Luther rides in his car.
41. Mary Call manipulated Kiser into bringing them his car to sit in as well as buying Devola a small radio in exchange for her help in convincing Roy Luther that Devola should marry Kiser.
42. Mary Call made Ima Dean chaperone Devola's visit with Kiser.
43. Kiser gave the Luther's two hams.
44. Roy Luther had taught Romey how to drive a few years before his death.
45. Romey had driven the school principal's car halfway to town.
46. Mary Call told Kiser that she would need the keys to the car so that they could drive it to town.
47. Romey was the first to drive the car and then crash into the fence around the house.
48. Devola surprised everyone by driving Kiser's car in a circle outside in the yard.
49. Romey couldn't drive the car because his legs were too short.
50. After the car ran out of gas Mary Call ordered Ima Dean and Devola to work, as winter would soon be approaching; they agreed, hiking into the mountains to pick herbs.
51. When Mary Call asked Romey to get her the dish pan, he refused, calling her a hateful person.
52. Mary Call was stung by hornets on the front porch of their home; fortunately Kiser Pease was there to help her.
53. While no one was home, Kiser Pease went into Roy Luther's bedroom only to find out that he wasn't home.
54. Mary Call told Kiser Pease that Roy Luther had probably left home with Devola, Romey, and Ima Dean.
55. Kiser told Mary Call that the only reason he had stopped by their home was to bring Devola a pig.
56. When Ima Dean, Romey, and Devola returned home from their afternoon of fun, Mary Call asked where Roy Luther was.
57. Romey told Mary Call and Kiser that Roy Luther was angry with Ima Dean and wouldn't come home.
58. When Romey, Ima Dean, and Devola first saw Mary Call and her swollen face, they were horrified and wanted to know how they could help.
59. Kiser wanted to drive his car home, but the gas tank was empty.

60. Kiser offered to take Devola into town to get her driver's license.
61. Devola took the present from Kiser, thanking him again and again for his kindness.
62. Kiser didn't believe that Mary Call had talked to Roy Luther again about Kiser marrying Devola.
63. Mary Call manipulated Kiser into bringing Devola some chickens, milk from a cow, and another pig.
64. Mary Call agreed to let Devola go to town in Kiser's car, if Kiser would agree to take Romey, Ima Dean, and herself to register for school.
65. Mary Call dreamed that she had married Kiser Pease, thereby solving all of their problems.
66. Romey apologized to Mary Call and promised to do what she said.
67. Mary Call helped Devola, Ima Dean, and Romey build a pen for the pig.
68. Mary Call told Kiser that he should drink more milk, which would improve his appearance and personality.
69. Mary Call made Romey go to town with Kiser and Devola to chaperone them just in case Kiser decided to marry Devola then and there.
70. Romey's solution to getting rid of Kiser was to shoot him in the head.
71. Romey told Mary Call that she had sinned because she hadn't had a proper burial for Roy Luther.
72. Mary Call thought that most people believed the Luther family was ignorant and crazy.
73. Mary Call asked Miss Breathitt if she and Romey could clean the classrooms to pay for their meals at school.
74. When Mary Call asked Miss Breathitt about the age of the Great Smoky Mountains, Miss Breathitt looked up the answer in a book that she had on the shelf.
75. Miss Breathitt thought that cleanliness and making good friends was important.
76. When Alma and Gaither Graybeal asked Romey and Mary Call to come home with them, Romey declined; he wasn't interested in making new friends.
77. Mary Call told Romey that she was going to tell Kiser that she loved him.

### Quiz #3 Chapters 10-15

Label each of the following statements either TRUE or FALSE.

1. On October 30<sup>th</sup> every year the Luther children began to think about the food they will make for Thanksgiving.
2. Romey agreed with Mary Call that they should have fixed the roof before instead of playing on the mountain.
3. Romey told Mary Call that he was making plans to leave Trial Valley; when he left he would never go wildcrafting again.
4. The Luther's filled their root cellar with vegetables they grew, but they had no surplus of staples like tea, sugar, or flour.
5. The Luther's relied on their cow for milk, butter, and cottage cheese and could kill their rooster and pig if needed.
6. Mary Call figured that they had four months of food and five months of winter to get through.

7. Mary Call made sure that the barn was warm enough for the rooster and the pig.
8. The Luther's kept all of the wood that they burned, stacked along the inside walls of the house.
9. Romey brought the cow from outside into his bedroom because there was a lot of snow on the ground.
10. The Luther's took heated pieces of wood to their beds to keep warm.
11. Devola couldn't understand why they were only going to have squash, pinto beans, and salt pork for Thanksgiving dinner.
12. Devola agreed with Mary Call that Thanksgiving dinner, when Roy Luther was alive, contained plenty of good food.
13. Mary Call told Devola that she was so glad that she was not sweet and pretty like her.
14. At one point Mary Call considered killing Kiser after she heard that a man had come to the house and wanted Devola to follow him to see Kiser.
15. Devola noticed that someone had been stealing food from the root cellar.
16. Mary Call said that she might marry Kiser if she could get him to speak properly and have his teeth fixed.
17. The roof of the entire house fell in due to the heavy weight of the snow.
18. Cosby Luther's rocking chair was taken out from under the collapsed roof, in relatively good shape.
19. Mary Call killed a fox with Roy Luther's gun after it attacked the pig and the rooster.
20. Goldie Pease, Kiser's sister, visited the Luther's with an offer for Roy Luther to do some work at Kiser's house.
21. Goldie Pease came from southern Georgia to get Kiser out of the hospital.
22. Fully recovered from his injuries, Kiser told Goldie about giving the house to the Luther's and 20 acres of land.
23. Goldie looked at the condition of the Luther's house because she knew of someone who would love to live in it.
24. Goldie, a kindhearted, old woman, was pleased with the way Kiser had managed his money and land.
25. Goldie gave the Luther's until the beginning of summer to move out of the house.
26. Mary Call assured Goldie that Roy Luther could farm her land and make money for her.
27. When Goldie left the Luther home, she was going to the hospital to pick up Kiser and take him home.
28. Goldie told the Luther's that they could use Kiser's car only until he was able to drive.
29. Mary Call blamed herself for not knowing that the paper she had Kiser sign was worthless.
30. Romey was very worried when Mr. Connell told him that the worst cold spell in North Carolina history was moving toward them.
31. Romey prevented Mary Call from going to the hospital to shoot Kiser.
32. Mary Call thought that it wouldn't be bad to move the family into a cave and freeze to death.
33. During the blizzard the Luther's lost electricity, and they didn't have enough wood for the stove.
34. Romey said that things were not as bad when Roy Luther was alive; Mary Call agreed.
35. Romey felt as though God had forgotten them.
36. Mary Call found Romey out by the fence in the yard; he was stuck in a snow drift and unable to move.

37. Romey was on his way to the hospital to convince Kiser to pay Goldie for the house and land and have him honor the paper he signed.
38. Mary Call felt that charity was horrible and demeaning.
39. When Devola was treating the cut on Romey's head, Mary Call was amazed at her nursing skills.
40. The only plan that Mary Call found to solve their problems was for Devola to marry Kiser, and then make Kiser pay off Goldie, put the house in Devola's name, and then have her leave him.
41. Mr. Connell gave Mary Call a ride in his truck to town and then invited her out for breakfast.
42. Kiser told Mary Call that he wanted to get out of the hospital and go home, since he was then able to care for himself.
43. Kiser told Mary Call that he didn't want Goldie staying in his house and eating his food.
44. Kiser gave Goldie \$40 to come up to North Carolina and take care of him.
45. While Kiser was in the hospital, Mary Call finally gave him permission to marry Devola in exchange for another pig, fixing the roof of the house, and buying the Luther's a refrigerator.
46. Kiser offered to give Mary Call and her siblings some of the land from his 1000 acres.
47. Mary Call told Kiser that she loved him and that it didn't make a difference that he was 30 years old.
48. Mary Call cried in Kiser's hospital room after she was called a liar and rejected by him.
49. On her climb up Old Joshua Mary Call stopped at Roy Luther's grave and felt his presence, as though he were trying to communicate with her.
50. Mary Call found a cave for them to live in; they would just have to move their furniture into the cave until spring, when they would have money from wildcrafting.
51. Devola told Mary Call that she was going to marry Kiser even though Kiser had not paid the money to Goldie that he owed her.
52. Mary Call admitted in front of Kiser that Roy Luther was dead.
53. Mary Call told Romey that Devola and Kiser were going to marry, but it would never work, since Devola would always be cloudy-headed.
54. Romey and Mary Call agreed that Kiser should provide Devola's wedding dress and shoes.
55. On a Sunday at 2PM Devola and Kiser were married in her own home, even though the roof had not been fixed.
56. On the day of the wedding Kiser gave Mary Call a ham and some money.
57. Mary Call told Kiser that they were making Christmas roping to earn some money.
58. Kiser didn't like the idea of Mary Call, Romey, and Ima Dean wildcrafting.
59. Kiser told Mary Call that he had talked to the country people and told him that he was the guardian for the Luther children.
60. Ima Dean loved going to school with Romey and Mary Call because she wanted to learn how to read.
61. Kiser went to town to the drug company and paid for a lease on the roping machine.
62. Mr. Connell told Mary Call that she needed to worry about Mrs. Connell's knowledge of Roy Luther's death and the fact that she had lied to her.
63. Kiser saw to it that Roy Luther could remain buried where he was, even if it was illegal.



Final Project: You are to choose **three** essays to complete. Analyze the questions carefully and remember to use good examples from the novel to support your points. You should have a good introduction, many details, and a strong conclusion. These will be due the first day of class; you may share them with me in Google Docs or post them on Canvas.

1. Imagine that Mary Call is keeping a daily journal of the events that occur in her life and her personal reactions to what occurs and the people she encounters. Choose one day in her life; write a journal entry for that day. Example: the day she administers the “onion treatment”, or the time when Kiser Pease pays a visit, or the day she goes with Romey to the Connell’s store.
2. Mary has led a difficult life. She took on many responsibilities. Evaluate whether or not she did a good job in this role. What did she do well? What should she have done differently? What advice would you give her?
3. Compare and contrast Mary’s life to your own. You should cover your similarities and differences, at least three of each. This should not include physical things like age or appearance.
4. Mary had many opinions on how one should live. Discuss her philosophies about life using support from the novel.
5. Mary has a very pessimistic attitude about life. Why do you think she has this attitude? What event/events helped influence her outlook? Is her outlook something that could be changed? Explain. Support your ideas with evidence from the novel.
6. Values represent people’s beliefs about what is important, good, or worthwhile. For example, most families value the time that they spend together. This is important. Think about the following six characters: Mary, Devola, Romey, Roy, Kiser, and Ima dean. What do they value? What beliefs do they have about what is important, good, or worthwhile? Choose three of the characters and discuss their values citing examples from the novel.

Monologue: All of you are very familiar with presenting a monologue. This will be no different. It is to be 4-5 minutes long and include many details. Make sure that you know your material well and **DO NOT READ** it. Work on your fluency: rhythm, pronunciation, tone, intonation, and pace. This will be due the first full week of classes.

Pretend that you are Mary Call. What would you **say** or **ask** either your mother or Roy if given the opportunity? Think carefully and present your material in an organized fashion. Put yourself in the shoes of Mary Call? What would she think? What would be her concerns? What would she want to know or say to either of her parents?

