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Where the Red Fern Grows

Chapter 7

Answer the following questions in **FULL and COMPLETE sentences!!**

1. Have you ever trained a pet? If so, how did you do it? If not, how do you think you might go about training an animal?

2. Do you think you would be able to trap a coon as Billy does? Why or why not?

3. Why does Papa make Billy take down all his traps? Do you agree with Papa's decision? Why or why not?

Writing Activity:

Answer the following in a well thought out paragraph.

1. At the end of the chapter, Billy tells of his "heart to heart" talks with his dogs and their ability to understand him. Do you think it is possible for people to communicate with animals? How? Do you have a pet that you can "talk" to?

Vocabulary: Write the letter from each word with its meaning on the right. Then use the numbered words to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

_____1. Cease

_____2. Wily

_____3. Eternity

_____4. Lunged

_____5. Vicious

_____6. Persistence

_____7. Submerged

a. Time that seems endless

b. Covered with water

c. endurance; stubborn; continuance

d. Stop; end

e. Sly; cunning

f. Jumped or leaped forward

g. Unruly; dangerous

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1. The boxer was knocked out by a(n) _____ punch to the jaw.
 2. Jim couldn't wait for his birthday to come; to him, it seemed like a(n) _____ until the day finally arrived.
 3. It is difficult to stay on the trail of a raccoon, for they are clever, _____ animals.
 4. The ship sank quickly, and was soon completely _____ in the water.
 5. The crowd gasped as the lion _____ at his trainer.
 6. Although he was getting tired, the runner's _____ paid off, and he was able to complete the marathon.
 7. The newspaper had to _____ publishing, as it was losing too much money.

Art Connection:

Draw AND COLOR-a picture of the trap that Billy made with his grandfather's advice.



