

The Pearl by John Steinbeck (ISBN: 978-0140177374)

9th Grade - Summer Study Guide

Due Date: September 12th, 2025

Please answer each of the following questions, in complete sentences, to aid in your comprehension of **The Pearl**:

- 1) What is the setting of *The Pearl*? Please include country, time period, etc., as well as a description of the physical setting.
- 2) What do you think is the overall theme, or lesson, of *The Pearl*? Why do you think that?
- 3) What is one aspect of the book that you enjoyed? Why?
- 4) What is one aspect of the book that you would change? Why?

For each of the following characters, choose a character trait that describes each one. Then, find a piece of evidence in the book (either a quote or an example) that demonstrates that quote. Finally, in the third box, explain why that evidence demonstrates your character trait.

| Character | Character trait | Textual evidence of character trait | Explanation of how textual evidence supports character trait |
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| Kino | | | |
| Juana | | | |
| Coyotito | | | |
| The doctor | | | |
| Juan Tomas | | | |
| Apolonia | | | |