

St. Hugh Catholic School  
Summer Reading Assignment  
*Where the Red Fern Grows*  
By: Wilson Rawls

Essay Due Date:  
Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Student Name:

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**Directions:** Choose one of the following essay topics and write a well-worded four (4) paragraph essay, using text-evidence, alongside quotes, to support your answer.

1. How does Billy's mama show her affection for him?
2. How does papa change the way he treats Billy over the course of the novel? What does Billy do that makes his father respect him more?
3. What character flaws does his grandfather exhibit?
4. How does Wilson Rawls portray women? Does he use too many stereotypes?
5. How are the dogs made real? Do they seem like humans? They seem to have distinct personalities. What details does Rawls include to describe their personalities?
6. Look again at the first chapter of *Where the Red Fern Grows*. What does it show about Billy's personality?
7. What is the role of religion in the novel?











