

# How to print this booklet

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Open the PDF, choose Print, and set these:

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| Paper size          | US Letter (8.5 × 11 in)                |
| Orientation         | Landscape                              |
| Print on both sides | On (two-sided / duplex)                |
| Flip on             | Short edge                             |
| Scale               | 100% / Actual size — not “Fit to page” |
| Pages               | All                                    |

## THEN

1. Take the whole stack out of the printer. Keep the sheets in order.
2. Fold the stack in half, so this page is on the outside.
3. Staple twice along the fold.



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# Reading Journal

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My thoughts, chapter by chapter

**Reader:**

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**Book Title:**

Sunder

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**Author:**

William H. Armstrong

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**Date Started:**

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**Date Finished:**

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*Keep reading. Keep wondering.*  
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# How to Answer

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*Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.*

## How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

## What do we learn about the boy, his father, and Souder from the hunting scenes? How do their actions show their relationship?

**Example answer:** I learn that the boy looks up to his father and wants to be close to him. The father is quiet and serious, but he works hard to feed his family. Souder is also very important because he helps them hunt and seems like part of the family. Their actions show trust because they all know what to do together in the woods.

## How to Answer (continued)

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**In this chapter, the boy sees both unfairness and small acts of kindness. What examples of each do you notice, and how do they affect him?**

**Example answer:** I notice unfairness when the boy is treated badly just because he is poor and Black. People do not always listen to him or care about his feelings. But I also see kindness when someone gives him a little help or speaks to him in a gentle way. These moments matter because they keep him from giving up completely.

**The boy meets someone who cares about books and learning. Why is this meeting important? Would you make the same choice the boy makes about school? Why or why not?**

**Example answer:** I think this meeting is important because it gives the boy hope for a different future. Books and school can help him understand the world and have more choices. I would make the same choice because learning could help me become stronger inside. Even though it would be hard to leave home, I think education would be worth it.

# Chapter 1

In Chapter 1, how does the author show that the boy's family is poor but still close and caring? Use details from the chapter.

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New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

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# Chapter 9

By the end of the story, how have the boy, his father, and Sounder changed? What message do you think the author wants readers to remember?

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# Chapter 2

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# Chapter 3

In Chapter 3, the mood changes when the men come to the cabin. What words, sounds, or silences make the scene feel tense or frightening?

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# Chapter 8

The boy meets someone who cares about books and learning. Why is this meeting important? Would you make the same choice the boy makes about school? Why or why not?

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# Chapter 7

Sounder changes after he returns, but he is still important to the family. What does Sounder seem to stand for in this part of the story?

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# Chapter 4

After the father is taken away and Sounder is hurt, what do you predict the boy and his mother will do next? Explain your thinking.

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# Chapter 5

The boy makes a difficult trip to try to find his father. What does this show about his character? Give one or two examples from the chapter.

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# Chapter 6

In this chapter, the boy sees both unfairness and small acts of kindness. What examples of each do you notice, and how do they affect him?

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