



Roaring Rapids School

Student Writing Workbook

Chapter 49 - Pecan Pie and New Trails

Name: _____ Date: _____

Vocabulary

Learn these words or phrases and add two of your choice from the story. Use a dictionary or Google Search. Write short definitions in your own words.

1. **outdone yourself** _____
2. **settled on their plans** _____
3. **Range Boss** _____
4. **rough edges** _____
5. **seamstress** _____
6. **illustrate** _____
7. _____
8. _____

Ranch Talk - “sanded off some mighty rough edges”

Western Metaphor

Jake compares Hank’s character to rough wood. Sanding makes wood smoother, so Jake means that Hank has changed, matured, and lost many of his unpleasant habits.

In Chapter 49: Jake says, “The Lord has sanded off some mighty rough edges.”

Comprehension Questions

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1. Why are the friends gathered in Jake and Mary's new home?

2. What plans have Colt and Alice made for their future?

3. Why do Jake and the others believe Hank may become a good Range Boss?

4. What do Eli, Sophi, Bern, and Bern's wife plan to do in Oklahoma Territory?

5. Why does Cole decide to include Colt in his painting of the farewell dinner?

Writing Task

Writing Task (5-10 Sentences)

Choose ONE from the self-study handout, write your answer, and read aloud. Organize your ideas before writing.

Option A: Summarize what happens in Chapter 49.

Option B: Choose one character and explain that person’s future plans.

Option C: Explain how the Roaring Rapids Ranch changed the people gathered around the table.

Option D: Write a short farewell toast to old friends who are beginning new trails.

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Extra Reflection Activity

Chapter 49 shows that friends may follow different trails while carrying the same gifts with them. Write three things the people around the table received from their years at the Roaring Rapids Ranch.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Think About It

Some friends will remain at the ranch, while others will move west, marry, teach, farm, write, sew, or paint. Their paths are changing, but their faith, friendship, forgiveness, hope, and love for one another will travel with them.

Question: How can a friendship remain meaningful after people move far apart?

Final Sentence Practice

Complete this sentence:

A new trail can be hopeful when we