

Misty Of Chincoteague Discussion Guide

Novel-Ties study guides contain reproducible pages in a chapter by chapter format to accompany a work of literature of the same title.

The first book in a new horse trilogy from Pulitzer Prize winner Jane Smiley starring a feisty young rider. Eleven-year-old Ellen is a spunky—and occasionally misbehaving—young riding student. Her teacher Abby Lovitt (who readers might recognize from The Georges and the Jewels) is a high school student who introduces her to jumping, dressage techniques, and most importantly, Ned. Ned is a colt who used to be a racehorse, until he hurt his leg and moved to Abby’s ranch. Ellen and Ned seem to understand each other, and their companionship is immediate. But Ellen is only allowed to go to riding lessons when she behaves at school. And with all that’s going on, from learning that she’s adopted to finding out her parents are adopting a new baby, it’s harder than ever for Ellen to pay attention and behave in class and at home. Will Ellen be able to spend more time on the ranch with Ned? And will her parents ever let her have a horse of her own?

California, here we come!Faith’s Pa says there’s no room on a wagon train for Josefina, a chicken who’s too tough to eat and too old to lay eggs. But Faith loves her pet. Can Josefina show Pa that she still has a few surprises left in her?

Death is inevitable, and yet vast majority of the developed world seems to want to ignore this fact and avoid the sad inevitability. However, death is an inevitability, and trying to avoid talking about it is a mistake. Estimated Time of Departure takes readers on a journey of one man and his family having these discussions and how powerfully loving and revealing they were. In this funny, moving, poignant memoir, William Donaldson tells the story of how he talked with his parents over an extended period about their end-of-life thoughts and philosophy. He shares the sad, funny, maddening, sweet, and rewarding sides of this journey and makes a compelling and impassioned plea to readers to not miss this opportunity. They were not without sadness and challenges, but by virtue of talking and exploring the topic, the family came closer together and the inevitable passing became, while still sad, a cathartic, deeply rewarding event. Estimated Time of Departure was written to give readers the courage to have these discussions and shows that hope, love, and reverence can be seen by having them.

Henry’s Map

San Domingo

Megan’s Mare

Sea Star

Benjamin West and His Cat Grimalkin

Misty of ChincoteagueSimon and Schuster

Barbie prepares her horse for a competition, but Tawny is afraid to jump.

Ginny has always dreamed of having her very own pony, so when her parents agree to rent her a pony for the summer, Ginny is thrilled! But when Mokey arrives, she is shaggy, dirty, and half-starved—not at all what Ginny had in mind. Can Ginny still have the summer of her dreams?

As he learns about the famous Hambletonian, sire of the American trotter, young Gib White dreams of some day having his own filly become a champion trotter.

Little House in the Big Woods Comprehension Guide

Francis and Clare, Saints of Assisi

Study Guide to Misty of Chincoteague : a Novel by Marguerite Henry

Wild Colt

The Josefina Story Quilt

About a little burro who was found running wild along Bright Angel Creek. Grades 5-8.

Rhyming text shares a wild colt’s days following the herd through the wetlands of Assateague Island.

The equine classic is now available in a special low-priced edition as two youngsters strive to own a Chincoteague pony named Misty.

ONE OF USA TODAY’S “ 20 SUMMER BOOKS YOU WON’T WANT TO MISS ” In the bestselling tradition of works by such authors as Susan Orlean and Mary Roach, a New York Times reporter and Pulitzer Prize finalist explores why so many people—including herself—are obsessed with horses. It may surprise you to learn that there are over seven million horses in America—even more than when they were the only means of transportation—and nearly two million horse owners. Acclaimed journalist and avid equestrian Sarah Maslin Nir is one of them; she began riding horses when she was just two years old and hasn ’ t stopped since. Horse Crazy is a fascinating, funny, and moving love letter to these graceful animals and the people who—like her—are obsessed with them. It is also a coming-of-age story of Nir growing up an outsider within the world ’ s most elite inner circles, and finding her true north in horses. Nir takes readers into the lesser-known corners of the riding world and profiles some of its most captivating figures. We met Monty Roberts, the California trainer whose prowess earned him the nickname “ the man who listens to horses, ” and his pet deer, George and Ann Blair, who at their riding academy on a tiny island in Manhattan ’ s Harlem River seek to resurrect the erased legacy of the African American cowboy; and Francesca Kelly, whose love for an Indian nobleman shaped her life ’ s mission: to protect an endangered Indian breed of horse and bring them to America. Woven into these compelling character studies, Nir shares her own moving personal narrative. She details her father ’ s harrowing tale of surviving the Holocaust, and describes an enchanted but deeply lonely upbringing in Manhattan, where horses became her family. She found them even in the middle of the city, in a stable disguised in an old townhouse and in Central Park, when she chased down truants as an auxiliary mounted patrol officer. And she speaks candidly of how horses have helped her overcome heartbreak and loss. Infused with heart and wit, and with each chapter named after a horse Nir has loved, Horse Crazy is an unforgettable blend of beautifully written memoir and first-rate reporting.

Snow Treasure

A Study Guide

The Story of a Woman and a World in Love with an Animal

Pony Scouts: Pony Party

Orphan of Chincoteague

The power of reading is beautifully captured in this 2006 Newbery Honor-winning book. Bernie keeps a barn full of animals the rest of the world has no use for—two retired trotters, a rooster, some banty hens, and a Muscovy duck with clipped wings who calls herself The Lady. When the cat called Whittington shows up one day, it is to the Lady that he makes an appeal to secure a place in the barn. The Lady’s a little hesitant at first, but when the cat claims to be a master ratter, that clinches it. Bernie’ s orphaned grandkids, Abby and Ben, come to the barn every day to help feed the animals. Abby shares her worry that Ben can’t really read yet and that he refuses to go to Special Ed. Whittington and the Lady decide that Abby should give Ben reading lessons in the barn. It is a balm for Ben when, having toughed out the daily lesson, Whittington comes to tell, in tantalizing installments, the story handed down to him from his nameless forebearer, Dick Whittington’s cat—the legend of the lad born into poverty in rural England during the Black Death, who runs away to London to seek his fortune. This is an unforgettable tale about how learning to read saves one little boy. It is about the healing, transcendent power of storytelling and how, if you have loved ones surrounding you and good stories to tell, to listen to, and to read, you have just about everything of value in this world.

A fun-filled introduction to maps through the eyes of an adorable pig Henry is a very particular sort of pig. "A place for everything and everything in its place," he always says. But when he looks out his window he is troubled. The farm is a mess! Henry is worried that nobody will be able to find anything in this mess. So he draws a map showing all the animals exactly where they belong. And Henry embarks on a journey through the farm, his friends tagging along as he creates his map: sheep in the woolshed, chickens in the coop, the horse in the stable. After the map is complete, Henry uses it to bring himself back home, where he is relieved to know that he is exactly where he belongs. A place for everything and everything in its place, indeed. For fans of Zen Shorts by Jon J. Muth or of Winnie the Pooh, this sweet romp through the farm is adorably illustrated by David Elliot, who created the endearing animals who inhabit Brian Jacques world of Redwall. Perfect for pre-schoolers and elementary-schoolers learning to read maps for the first time. Praise for Henry’s Map: *** “With appealing characters and gentle humor, this book will be a hit at storytime, or as an introduction to mapping lessons.” —School Library Journal *** (starred) *** “Here’s hoping for many more Henry-centric adventures.” —Kirkus Reviews *** (starred) “Elliot’s barnyard animals brim with personality and emotion, matching the understated humor of this charming story.” —Publisher’s Weekly “This story may even inspire budding cartographers to map their own world.” —Booklist

Joel Goss knows that Little Bub is a special colt, even though he’s a runt. And when schoolteacher Justin Morgan asks Joel to break the colt in, Joel is thrilled! Soon word about Little Bub has spread throughout the entire Northeast—this spirited colt can pull heavier loads than a pair of oxen. And run faster than thoroughbreds! This is the story of the little runt who became the father of the world-famous breed of American horses—the Morgan.

The only official guidebook to horse breed standards and conformation in North America, with breed history and information on gait and distinctive traits, temperament, colors, and variations.

Summer Pony

A Novel

Story of the Treasure Seekers Comprehension Guide

Justin Morgan Had a Horse

Horse Show Champ

Grade Level 5.5, Book# 85, Points 4.

Amy has always wanted a cat, but Mom and Dad think she’s too young to have a pet of her own. So she is thrilled when she sees a tiny kitten roaming around her yard one misty morning. The kitten is very thin and doesn’t have a collar, so Amy assumes that the kitten-whom she has named Misty—doesn’t have a home. Misty is shy at first, but gradually, she begins to trust Amy, who feeds her and gives her the attention she so desperately wants. But how long can Amy keep Misty a secret from her parents?

A raging storm slashes across Assateague and Chincoteague islands. Water is everywhere! The wild ponies and the people must battle for their lives. In the midst of the storm, Misty—the famous mare of Chincoteague—is about to give birth. Paul and Maureen are frantic with worry as the storm rages on...Will Misty and her colt survive? This is the thrilling story of the hurricane that destroyed the wild herds of Assateague, and how strength and love helped rebuild them.

Nobody could capture the Phantom. She was the wildest mare on Assateague Island. They said she was like the wind, that the white " map " on her shoulders was her mark of freedom. Paul and Maureen Beebe had their hearts set on owning her. They were itching to buy and tame her, and worked hard to earn the money that she would cost. But the roundup men had tried to capture her and for two years she had escaped them.... Pony Penning Day holds a surprise for everyone, for Paul not only brings in the Phantom, but her newborn colt as well. Can Paul and Maureen possibly earn enough to buy them both?

Golden Ghost

Whittington

Brightly of the Grand Canyon

For Kids and Teens - Recommended Reading for Every Mood, Moment, and Interest

The Blind Colt (80th Anniversary Edition)

Captivated by the story of "Misty of Chincoteague," a woman with a horse farm in Florida raises one of Misty's descendants to become a champion show horse.

A Vision Book about St. Francis and St. Clare, the two very popular saints of Assisi. Helen Homan has captured all the excitement and beauty of the lives of these saints from their childhood growing up together in Assisi to their profound conversion and lifelong influence--indeed centuries-long influence--on the whole world through their radical living of the Gospel and founding of two great religious orders, the Franciscans and the Poor Clares. Combining the stories of Francis and Clare in one volume makes for a book that will be of great interest to both boys and girls of a wide age span. Illustrated.

Peter Lundy has two joys in life: the rugged western plains where he has grown up and San Domingo, a Medicine Hat Stallion. The Indians believe such a horse is sacred—that neither bullet nor arrow can harm its rider. As they explore the prairie together, a bond forms between Peter and San Domingo that can never be broken. But Peter’s father, Jethro Lundy, knows only one love: bargaining. He trades San Domingo for a thoroughbred. How can Peter ever forgive his father? Is his only choice is to leave home forever?

This I Can Read story is perfect for beginning readers and pony lovers alike! In this charming story, the Pony Scouts are helping throw a pony party for a little girl's birthday. But when the birthday girl isn't having fun, it's up to the Meg, Jill, and Annie to save the day. Like all I Can Read books, Pony Scouts: Pony Party is designed to encourage a love of reading. It is a Level 2 book, geared for kids who read on their own but still need a little help.

Misty of Chincoteague Comprehension Guide

How I Talked My Parents to Death; A Love Story

Riding Lessons (An Ellen & Ned Book)

Misty of Chincoteague [by] Marguerite Henry

The Borrower

Maddie is desperate to keep her favorite horse from being sold in this first book in a contemporary middle grade series in the tradition of Marguerite Henry’s Misty of Chincoteague. Madison “Maddie” Martinez loves her weekly riding lessons, and she loves working with her favorite horse, Cloudy, every time. So she is shocked when she finds out Cloudy’s former owners might want to buy her back! Maddie desperately concocts various plans to stop the sale: maybe she can raise money to buy Cloudy herself, or what if she can make the potential buyers lose interest? Maddie’s online Pony Post friends—Brooke Rhodes, Hayley Duncan, Nina Peralt, who all share a love of Chincoteague ponies—can tell something is up, but at first Maddie is afraid to tell them what’s happening. If she loses her only connection to Chincoteague, will they even want to be friends with her anymore? "This reproducible study guide consists of lessons to use in conjunction with a specific novel. Written in chapter-by-chapter format, the guide contains a synopsis, pre-reading activities, vocabulary and comprehension exercises, as well as extension activities to be used as follow-up to the novel."--Prelim.

Can a young blind horse survive in the badlands of Montana? Find out in this beautiful new edition of a classic American tale. Now celebrating its 80th anniversary with beautifully redesigned new edition featuring lots of extras, The Blind Colt is a timeless tale of survival and friendship. This classic volume now features an appreciation by Matt Myers, a piece from author Glen Rounds on his inspiration for the story, and facts and resources about wild mustangs today. In the badlands, where the ground is soft but the slopes are steep and the vegetation is scarce, it can be difficult for a wild horse to survive. Even more so if that horse is blind. But this young colt has his strong mare of a mother looking out for him, and his other senses help him smell the friendly prairie dogs, feel for rough terrain, and hear whenever wolves draw near-- sometimes well before anyone else in his herd. That’s not all. A boy named Whitey, about ten years old, and his ranch-owning Uncle Torwal watch from the sidelines whenever the colt and his herd pass through the plains near their home. Whitey, especially, hopes the young colt grows strong, just as he hopes they might get a chance to meet someday. And when a rough winter starts to settle in, he might just get his wish. This classic of children’s literature in the tradition of War Horse, The Black Stallion, and Misty of Chincoteague comes from one of America’s master storytellers. Glen Rounds grew up in the Dakota badlands, and drew from details from his own life on a ranch to depict one little colt’s struggle to make it through the winter.

Eleven-year-old Megan, daughter of a Yorkshire horse trainer, finding she has a special bond with the beautiful problem mare Berry, determines to help her overcome her fear of wooden bridges.

Stormy, Misty’s Foal

Misty’s Twilight

Misty the Abandoned Kitten

Maddie’s Dream

The Black Stallion Novel Units Teacher Guide

From picture books to chapter books, YA fiction and nonfiction, Nancy Pearl has developed more thematic lists of books to enjoy. The Book Lust audience is committed to reading, and here is a smart and entertaining tool for picking the best books for kids. Divided into three sections—Easy Books, Middle-Grade Readers, and Young Adult—Nancy Pearl makes wonderful reading connections by theme, setting, voice, and ideas. For horse lovers, she reminds us of the mainstays in the category (Black Beauty, Misty of Chincoteague, etc.) but then in a creative twist connects Mr. Revere and I to the list. In a list called Chapter One, she answers the proverbial question: which chapters books are the most compelling for kids who are now ready to move beyond picture books. And who says picture books aren’t deep? Recommended Folk Tales sort out many of life’s dilemmas and issues of good and bad; a selection of picture books on Death and Dying introduces this topic with sensitivity; and You’ve Got a Friend offers up books for early readers that show the complexities and the pleasures of relating to others. Parents, teachers, and librarians are often puzzled by the unending choices for reading material for young people. It starts when the kids are toddler and doesn’t end until high-school graduation. What’s good, what’s trash, what’s going to hold their interest? Nancy Pearl, America’s favorite librarian, points the way in Book Crush.

Describes suggested activities to accompany the reading of The black stallion by Walter Farley.

Newbery Award-winning author Marguerite Henry’s beloved novel about a boy who would do anything to paint is now available in a collectible hardcover gift edition. Benjamin West was born with an extraordinary gift—the gift of creating paintings of people, animals, and landscapes so true to life they “took one’s breath away.” But Benjamin is part of a deeply religious Quaker family, and Quaker beliefs forbid the creation of images. Because Benjamin’s family didn’t approve of his art, he had to make his own painting supplies. The local Native Americans taught him how to mix paints from earth, clay, and plants. And his cat, Grimalkin, sacrificed hair from his tail for Ben’s brushes. This classic story from Newbery Award-winning author Marguerite Henry features the original text and illustrations in a gorgeous collectible hardcover edition.

A foal, born in the aftermath of a great storm, and her famous mother help raise money to repair the storm damage on Chincoteague Island and restore the herds of wild ponies on Assateague Island.

Estimated Time of Departure

The Complete Guide to the Standards of All North American Equine Breed Associatio

Mustang, Wild Spirit of the West

Horse Crazy

In this delightful, funny, and moving first novel, a librarian and a young boy obsessed with reading take to the road. Lucy Hull, a young children’s librarian in Hannibal, Missouri, finds herself both a kidnapper and kidnapped when her favorite patron, ten- year-old Ian Drake, runs away from home. The precocious Ian is addicted to reading, but needs Lucy’s help to smuggle books past his overbearing mother, who has enrolled Ian in weekly antigay classes with celebrity Pastor Bob. Lucy stumbles into a moral dilemma when she finds Ian camped out in the library after hours with a knapsack of provisions and an escape plan. Desperate to save him from Pastor Bob and the Drakes, Lucy allows herself to be hijacked by Ian. The odd pair embarks on a crazy road trip from Missouri to Vermont, with ferrets, an inconvenient boyfriend, and upsetting family history thrown in their path. But is it just Ian who is running away? Who is the man who seems to be on their tail? And should Lucy be trying to save a boy from his own parents?

When Sam finds a mysterious palamino horse in an abandoned town, she believes it to be her best friend’s missing horse, but forces beyond her control will not allow her to take the animal back home.

A wild colt rescued by two children is raised by a mare who has lost her own way.

Book Crush

Misty of Chincoteague

Alice in Wonderland Comprehensive Guide

The Official Horse Breeds Standards Guide

Born to Trot