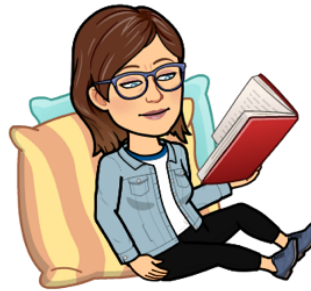


# RUBY HOLLER



*If these are the practice trips, I can't imagine what the real trips would be like. Yikes! Poor Florida! Dallas with a sense that his twin is in trouble...and those two young guys who offer to "help" Sairy and Dallas! Meanwhile Z is doing some heaving thinking and wondering... These are some g-o-o-d chapters! Now get those conversations going!*

*Think about the **characters** in the story. How are they changing at this point? How do they get along with each other? What are you noticing about them? How does each character react to what's happening?*

*Next, do you notice any **themes or big ideas** coming about in the story? I'm thinking one theme might be about families. Tiller and Sairy are very different from any family Dallas and Florida have ever lived with. There are all different types of families, and just maybe Tiller and Sairy will be the family Dallas and Florida need right now. Can you come up with some other themes or big ideas for Ruby Holler?*

- Try to **notice** details that move the story along or help the characters to grow and change.
- Think about events or character responses to events that **surprise** you. Sometimes I have a prediction, and then a character goes and does something completely different than I expected.
- Finally, what **questions** are coming up for you as you read. Share these with someone, and always feel free to email your thinking and questions!