

CWL Book Group: Pre-Reading Meeting Agenda

- I. Create a “Field Notes” notebook for your group.
 - Include a Cover Page and Table of Contents
 - Also include ~10 blank pages for writing and commentary
- II. Determine Reading Schedule. Record on inside cover of notebook.
- III. On first blank page, write today’s date and names of members present today. Read first page or two aloud as a group. Discuss observations and answer “Day 1 Response Questions” together.
Pass the notebook so each member gets a chance to write.

Day 1 Response Questions:

- Who is the narrator? What kind of narration? Predict: Why do you suppose the author has decided upon this type of narration?
- What is the setting? Does this setting remind you of any other books you’ve read or places you’ve visited? Explain.
- Who are the main characters? What kinds of personalities do you see?
- How does the writer develop setting and character? Which words and phrases stand out in these areas?
- What do you notice about the way the writing style so far?
- What do you like and dislike about this passage? Why?