**The Pearl Reading Questions for Chapter One**

**Directions: Answer the questions on lined paper and in complete sentences.**

1. What is a parable and why do you suppose Steinbeck calls our attention to this in his preface?
2. What do the names of the characters suggest about the setting for this story?
3. Who appears to be the protagonist in this story?
4. Who would you guess the antagonists will be?
5. (on pages 1-2) At the beginning of the story, Kino has arisen and the day has begun. What is this song he hears and what does it suggest about how he is feeling this morning?
6. (On page 3) The song Juana sings is part of the family song and all of it, Kino perceives, is part of the **Whole**. What **Whole**?