**The Pearl Chapter 4 Questions**

**Directions:  Complete in full sentences on lined paper.**

1. What makes the townspeople ring with nervousness”(41)
2. What commentary might Steinbeck be making about the Spanish when the narrator says “but this was a wasteful method, for often, in the excitement of bidding for a fine pearl, too great a price had been paid to the fisherman” (42)?
3. Why didn’t the fishermen go out in the gulf the morning Kino sold the pearl?
4. What do the neighbors speculate about concerning Kino becoming a wealthy man?
5. How did Juana dress herself and Coyotito  that morning?
6. Why do the neighbors go pearl selling with Kino and Juana? (44)
7. How does Kino wear his hat and what does that signify? (44)
8. What do Kino and Juan Tomas talk about on the way into town? (45)
9. Explain:  “the Father made that very clear.  The loss of the pearl was a punishment visited upon those who tried to leave their station.
10. What TWO things do the pearl buyers do when they hear that Kino is on his way into the town?
11. How does the pearl buyer react to Kino’s pearl outwardly AND secretly?
12. How much does the pearl buyer offer Kino for the pearl?  How much does Kino say it is worth?

PART TWO CHAPTER FOUR QUESTIONS:

1. What instructions does the pearl buyer give to his servant? (50)
2. What does the first pearl dealer say about the pearl?
3. What does the second pearl dealer say and do?
4. What does the third pearl dealer say?
5. What do the pearl dealers worry about when Kino gets angry and leaves?
6. Explain:  “’But suppose they had arranged it before?  If that is so, then all of us have been cheated all of our lives’” (52-53).
7. Explain:  “He had lost one world and had not gained another” (53).
8. What does Kino discuss with Juan Tomas?
9. How does Juana combat the “dark music of the enemy (55)?
10. What happens when Kino goes outside?
11. What does Juana say when she finds Kino outside, bleeding, and half-conscious?
12. How does Kino respond?