

Ms. Hotaling  
English II

### **Summer Assignment: Reflection Journal**

**Directions:** For the study of the novel, *The Secret Life of Bees* by Susan Monk Kidd, numerous opportunities for reflection will occur. Throughout this study you will respond to events through journal writing. What follows are the journal topics that you will respond to in the journal that you will maintain as you journey through this novel.

Please respond to all questions in the journal entry. The journal entries need to be typed. Your journal will be submitted for a grade.

#### **Introduction to novel: Entry #1**

- *Throughout this novel, the reader learns about the life of bees. Tell an experience you have had with bees. What happened? Where and when did it occur? Who was involved? How did you react? Why was it memorable?*

#### **First three chapters (pages 1-66): Entry #2**

- *Describe T. Ray? Why do you think Lily calls him “T. Ray” instead of “Dad? What would you do if you were in a similar situation? (**Choose one:** T. Ray raising Lily? Lily being raised by T. Ray? Rosaleen working for T. Ray?)*

#### **Chapters four through seven (pages 67 – 135): Entry #3**

- *Would Lily be identified as a gifted learner? Defend your answer*
- *Which of the sisters do you prefer? Defend your answer.*

#### **Chapters eight through ten (pages 136 – 213): Entry #4**

- *Why is friendship important? How is this type of relationship reflected in this novel?*

#### **Chapters eleven through fourteen (pages 214 – 302): Entry #5**

- *Respond to this statement (255): “Knowing can be a curse on a person’s life. I’d traded in a pack of lies for a pack of truth, and I didn’t know which one was heavier.” What has Lily learned?*
- *Why is Mary Day important to this story?*