**Focus Questions for Reader Response**

**Chapter One**

1. Reread pages 1-4. Write a paragraph describing the sounds that wake up the Songs of the Family. Then, write a paragraph describing the sounds you hear when you first wake up in the morning. This is your “Song of the Family”. (2 paragraphs)
2. Think about the following problem and debate and formulate a solution:

Kino and Juana were refused medical help for the baby because they had no money to pay for it. This happens in our country, too. Many people cannot afford to go to the doctor when they need to, or they don’t have money to pay for medicine they need to take. Some people have no healthcare coverage or limited coverage. What do you think can be done about this problem?

1. Skim the pages of Chapter One and look for key words and phrases to compare the living conditions of Juana and Kino with those of the doctor. Prepare a T-Chart.

Chapter Two

1. Explain how pearls form in oysters.
2. How was the King of Spain involved in the oyster beds of Mexico?
3. How do you think the pearl will affect the lived of Kino, Juana, and Coyotito? What do you think they will do now?