Grade 4, Unit 4, Historical Fiction Clubs SESSION 8 HOMEWORK STAY OPEN TO NEW IDEAS AS YOU READ

As you read tonight, keep asking yourself, "What is the book really about?" Remember to stay open to new ideas as you read, as you did in class. Even if these ideas may not seem connected to your interpretation of the story, take note of them. These new ideas may take you on a journey of thought in ways that will surprise you. These ideas may inspire you to change your mind about your interpretation, perhaps more than once.

Leave a little time at the end of your homework time to do a quick write. Choose one of the thought prompts (they are all listed on the back), and then go! Write fast and furious. Three minutes and you're done!

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Thought Prompts for Generating Quick Writes

- I used to think..., but now I realize....
- · When I first read this, I thought..., but now, rereading it, I realize....
- On the surface, this is the story of.... But I think it is really a story about....
- Some people think this is a story about.... But I think it is really a story about....
- My ideas about...are complicated. In a way I think..., but on the other hand, I also think....