

## The Secret Life of Bees – Chapters 1-5

- 1) As you read, highlight the literary terms you see such as:  
Similes, metaphors, personification, epithets, foreshadowing, flashback, symbols
- 2) Devote one page per character in your “reading notes section” describing:
  - a. Lilly Melissa Owens
  - b. T. Ray
  - c. Rosaleen Daise
  - d. Deborah Owens
  - e. August Boatwright
  - f. June Boatwright
  - g. May Boatwright
  - h. the black Mary Statue (Our Lady of Chains)
- 3) Define the following vocabulary and use each word in a sentence (circle the word):
  - 1) Chrome (pg. 1)
  - 2) Presumptuous (pg. 2)
  - 3) Herringbone (pg. 4)
  - 4) Mercantile (pg. 21)
  - 5) Oblige (pg. 32)
  - 6) Unperturbed (pg. 32)
  - 7) Decapitate (pg. 37)
  - 8) Deliberate (pg. 38)
  - 9) Brazen (pg. 38)
  - 10) Accommodate (pg. 46)
  - 11) levee (pg. 46)
  - 12)scuppernong (pg. 62)
  - 13) organdy (pg. 70)
  - 14)veneer (pg. 76)
  - 15)abrupt (pg. 80)
  - 16) consolation (pg. 82)
  - 17) stamina (pg. 84)
  - 18) fatal (pg. 84)
  - 19) ambrosia (pg. 84)
  - 20) naïve (pg. 84)
- 4) What does the scenario with Lily’s bees in a jar mean?
- 5) What are August’s “bee rules?” See Chapter 5
- 6) Who are all the mother figures Lily has thought about or encountered in the first 5 chapters?
- 7) How do the beginning quotes (called ‘epigraphs’)from each chapter relate to the chapter’s content?



## ***The Secret Life of Bees Chapter 8-9***

- 1) As you read, highlight the literary terms you see such as:  
Similes, metaphors, personification, epithets, foreshadowing, flashback, symbols
- 2) Continue to add information to your character charts that you already began (maybe add more info in a different color ink). Add new pages for the following characters:
  - a. Clayton Forrest
- 3) Define the following vocabulary and use each word in a sentence (circle the word):

Immune (pg. 150)	integrate (pg. 154)	conjure (pg. 178)
Douse (pg. 150)	affliction (pg. 155)	erect (pg. 182)
Okra (pg. 152)	gawky (pg. 157)	
Sidle (pg. 153)	berserk (pg. 168)	
- 4) When August asked Lily what she loved (ch 8, pg. 139), what did Lily list?
- 5) Add up the years that August worked at different jobs, then estimate how old August is (see pgs. 144-145)
- 6) Do you see any significance to the quote: "I touched the place on my shirt where I'd stuck the black Mary. She was starting to come unglued." (pg. 152)



