***Silas Marner* Notes:**

**Chapter 8**

* What happened to the village folk’s recollections of the peddler?
* Is this what you call “herd mentality”?
* Tell me how Godrey finds out what happened to Wildfire?
* Why does Godfrey think the jig is up?
* Why is Godfrey able to think of himself as more than a scoundrel?
* What happened with Godfrey’s determination to confess everything to his father? Have you ever experienced something like this?
* What do you think of Godfrey’s decision to keep quiet about the matter, to continue to hide his dirty secret? What can we learn from this?

**Chapter 9**

* What’s the name of the Squire’s house? What do you think of the Squire?
* What’s with the talk of war? (p. 93)
* Notice Godfrey’s comment on discipline on top of page 97.
* What does he say Godfrey should do about Nancy? What does the Squire threaten to do?
* What does the Squire think about women?

**Chapter 10**

* What were the two schools of thought that continued about the theft of Silas’s money?
* Did Silas feel energy for earning a new hoard of money? Why not?
* Describe Silas’s life after the theft.
* How did his neighbors’ opinion of him change through this time?
* What kind of comfort and sympathy did the community offer Silas?
* Who is the Old Harry that Mr. Macey refers to?
* Who took a special interest in Silas besides Mr. Macey? What is Mrs. Winthrop like?
* The little cakes with Jesus’ initials on them—it’s almost as if Dolly is serving Silas Communion
* Point out quote on top of 113
* Look at Dolly’s theology on p. 114.
* What did Silas do on Christmas day?
* What was the greatest event of the year at the Red House?
* What are the two opposing voices inside of Godfrey? (This dialogue between hope and anxiety set up a showdown. It foreshadows a conflict and a resolution.)

**Chapter 11**

* Have each student pick out a passage or quote that is interesting or noteworthy in some way and read it to the class
* What do you think of “high society” and their goings-on? Did you see the artificiality of much of their interactions?
* Contrast the Squire and Mr. Lammeter
* What does Mr. Lammeter mean with his saying that “breed is stronger than pasture”?
* What does Nancy think about Godfrey and feel about him?
* Nancy is pretty and has class—but what is her character like? Does it match her good looks? (consider the exchange with Priscilla)
* Introduction to Priscilla
* Go through chapter and take note of any significant portions that haven’t drawn attention yet
* Vocab word: veracity-p. 128