

8th grade

Assigned novel: *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen

Directions:

1. **During and after reading, answer the following journal questions.**
2. **Spelling, grammar, punctuation, complete sentences, and mechanics are important and will count as part of the grade.**
3. **All answers must be typed in a google doc from your school-issued google account and shared with or emailed to aharper@bishopflaget.org. Any other formats or methods of sharing will result in the assignment being rejected.**
4. **All answers should be original student work and writing. Any AI-generated responses or plagiarism will not be accepted and will result in a zero for the assignment.**

1. Beatrice and Mullet Fingers have a very different family than Roy. Do you think the characters' home lives affected their approach to the problem with Mother Paula's?

2. Mullet Fingers trespasses, pulls pranks, and vandalizes property in order to postpone land development. Do you think his tactics are effective? What would you do differently?

3. Do you think Roy's first impression of Beatrice is accurate? How do first impressions change over time?

4. Do you think Roy handles bullies he encounters the right way? What could he have done differently?

5. Why did Officer Delinko choose to go to the construction site so early in the morning? What was the result? How did this affect Officer Delinko's storyline?

6. Describe the pressure on Curly as the story progresses.

7. Not only does Carl Hiaasen use the owls directly in this book, there are many other mentions of birds and bird names. What do you think this choice in his writing means? Why do you think he made this choice?

8. What did Roy mean at the end of Chapter 13 regarding the argument between his heart and his brain? Give your own opinion about whether you think your heart or your brain would usually be the most reliable in such an argument.

9. Pick a theme from the list below. Use evidence from the novel to support your choice of the theme.

- Parenting and support
- Morality, the law, and protest
- Bullying and corruption
- Conservation and the natural world

10. At the end of the book Roy is feeling better about living in Florida and doesn't miss Montana as much. Why do you think he changed his mind?