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Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. *Shiloh*. Atheneum, 1991.

SUMMARY:

Eleven-year-old Marty Preston is exploring the hills behind his West Virginia home one summer day when he finds a young dog. He suspects the beagle is being mistreated by its owner and has some tough decisions to make when the owner wants his pet back.

QUESTIONS:

There are four reasons Marty does not like Judd Travers. What are they?

What does Marty do in order to keep Shiloh?

How does Marty feel about lying to Judd Travers?

Why does Marty's father want him to give Shiloh back to his owner?

What bargain does Marty make with Judd so he can keep Shiloh?

What agreement does Marty make with his father about Shiloh? Why do you think his father makes the agreement?

What would you do if being kind to animals means you have to keep secrets from your family and neighbors?

What would you do if respecting another person's rights and property conflicts with what you believe is right?

JOURNAL STARTERS:

I remember a time when, even though it seemed impossible, I wanted a . . .

I remember having to make a difficult decision about. . .

If I am asked to do something that I think is wrong, I will. . .

ACTIVITIES:

Draw a map of West Virginia and locate and label Marty's hometown, Friendly, on it.

Learn more about Appalachia.

Research the Appalachian Trail.

Investigate animal abuse and hunting laws.

Interview a representative from your local humane society and/or ask the person to speak to your class.

INTEREST LEVELS: Grades 4-6.

BOOKTALK:

What can you do when you suspect that a dog is being mistreated by its owner, and it runs away and comes to you? Eleven-year-old, Marty Preston, faces just this problem. At first, he deals with the issue alone, but soon the situation becomes frightening. Marty discovers that it can be difficult to separate right from wrong, but he also knows that he will do anything to save Shiloh.

READ-ALIKES:

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. *Saving Shiloh* and *Shiloh Season*. Atheneum, 1996-1997.
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Lindquist, Susan Hart. *Summer Soldiers*. Delacorte Press, 1999.
McNamee, Graham. *Nothing Wrong with a Three-Legged Dog*. Delacorte Press, 2000.
Mead, Alicia. *Junebug and the Reverend*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1998.
Spinelli, Jerry. *Wringer*. HarperCollins, 1997.
Tamar, Erika. *The Junkyard Dog*. Orchard Books, 1990.

RELATED WEB SITES:

The IPL Phyllis Reynolds Naylor: <http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspace/askauthor/Naylor.html>

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor Teacher Resource File:

<http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/naylor.htm>

Carol Hurst's Children's Literature Site: <http://www.carolhurst.com/titles/shiloh.html>

Glencoe Literature Library: <http://www.glencoe.com/sec/literature/litlibrary/pdf/shiloh.pdf>

Literature Guide: <http://www.emints.org/ethemes/resources/S00000346.shtml>

Literature Circle Guide: http://www.teacher.scholastic.com/clubs/pdfs/shiloh_t.pdf

OTHER RECOGNITION:

Newbery Medal, 1992

Winner of a Children's Choice Award in each of the following states and region:

Arizona, 1994; Arkansas, 1994; Connecticut, 1994; Delaware, 1995; Hawaii, 1994;

Indiana, 1994; Kansas, 1994; Maine, 1993; Massachusetts, 1994; Missouri, 1994;

Nevada, 1994; New Hampshire, 1993; New Mexico, 1994; North Dakota, 1994;

Ohio, 1995; Oklahoma, 1994; Pacific Northwest, 1994; Pennsylvania, 1993;

South Dakota, 1994; Texas, 1994; Vermont, 1993; West Virginia, 1994;

Wisconsin, 1992; Wyoming, 1994.

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