

# John Steinbeck:

## THE RED PONY

### THE GIFT

Jody was a 10 years old boy and when his mother Mrs. Tiflin ring a bell he quickly stands up and go to the breakfast. Carl Tiflin was his father. He and Billy Buck who work at them went to the city after the breakfast. At the week Jody went to school every day except weekends. After school he help on the farm and pointed gun on rocks or birds but he never shoots. When Carl and Billy return was dark and they have a smell at strong drink and Carl said Jody that he will need him tomorrow. When Jody woke up his father have surprise for him. He bought him a red pony and he must give a promise that he will take care of the pony. After that he had to go to school. When he gets the pony he got up at in the morning early to take care for him. One day when he is allowed to take the pony out the weather was very nice. Later that day was raining and pony falls ill because of the rain. After a long time and pony's health troubles, pony dies and Jody changes because he misses the pony.

### THE GREAT MOUNTAINS

Jody was lazy about the ranch for something to do. He was throwing rocks at bottles and to the birds. Jody asked father what is behind mountains because he think that are the mountains secret and mysterious. One day a man come to their ranch and said he was born near theirs farm but Carl said that rain washed it away. The man also asks if he can live with them but Carl said that he can slept over the night and have breakfast with them but then he must leave.

Jody come to Gitano and asked him about the mountains and what is after the mountains. Jody also sees his knife and ask him if he will show him a knife. Jody also show him theirs horses and tell him something about their life. At the morning Gitan go away with Carl's first horse and he leave his thing at the ranch.

## THE PROMISE

In April a year after the pony died Jody was walking along to the ranch. Carl asked Billy if Jody take a good care about the red pony and Billy sad that he is so Carl asked Jody if he would take a good care on horse if he could have another horse. Jody said that he would. Carl said to him that he will get the newborn pony, but he must work with father to pay for the horse. They get a horse Nelli which it had a baby which will be a Jody's horse. Billy said that Nelli will have a baby in January. When was February Jody was worried about it, but week later Nelli had a baby horse which was Jody's.

## THE LEADR OF THE PEOPLE

Bill was throwing the dry hay to the cows and then come to him Jody and said that many mice are probably in the pile where was hay. Jody said that he will kill those mice with dogs which will eat it. The same day they get a letter of Jody's grandpa. Carl was not so happy because he always told stories about the Indians but Jody loves it. Grandpa come the same day. Jody went to the road and wait for the grandpa. His grandpa was dressed very nice. When he come to the house, he started telling stories which

Jody liked very much. Jody said to grandpa that he will catch the mice and ask him if he will help or just watch it. His grandpa said that he will sit in the sun, but then Jody said that he will catch the mice another day.

## CHARACTERS:

### Jody:

He is 10 years old boy. He had dusty yellow hair, shy polite gray eyes and mouth that moved when he was thinking. He loved horses and farm animals. He was also curious about the world he didn't see.

### Billy Buck:

He was a strong, quiet little man with a big mustache and with strong hands. He had serious, watery gray eyes. He know a lot about horses.

### Carl Tiflin:

He was tall and stern father who was not manytimes happy.

### Mrs. Tiflin:

She was very kind and hardworking housewife.

## TIME DISPOSION:

1. Jody gets a red pony.
2. The red pony gets sick.
3. The red pony dies.
4. The Gitano comes to find his first home.
5. The Gitano stoles a Carl's horse.
6. Jody is waiting that his horse will birth.
7. Jody gets horse.
8. Jod's grandpa come visit them.

| NEW WORD | TRANSLATION |
|----------|-------------|
| tub      | sod         |
| quartz   | kremenjak   |
| claw     | krepelj     |

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|--------------|----------------------------|
| slingshot    | katapult                   |
| store        | shramba                    |
| shock        | šokiran                    |
| shirply      | oster                      |
| cruel        | krut                       |
| crossly      | jezno                      |
| secretly     | skrivnostno                |
| thoughtfully | zamišljen                  |
| bucket       | vedro                      |
| anxious      | zaskrbljen                 |
| pale         | bled                       |
| bend         | upogniti                   |
| toads        | okamenina žabjega telesa   |
| stallion     | žrebec                     |
| steeper      | posoda za namakanje        |
| ache         | hrepenenje                 |
| woodbox      | zaboj za drva              |
| doom         | obsoditi                   |
| calm         | miren                      |
| pot          | vrč                        |
| colt         | žrebe                      |
| rough        | grobo ravnati              |
| pile         | opornik                    |
| bite         | ugriz                      |
| hawk         | jastreb                    |
| cypress      | cipresa                    |
| terror       | groza                      |
| trips        | kratko potovanje           |
| feverish     | razburjen                  |
| mustache     | brki                       |
| horseback    | konjski hrbet              |
| edge         | rob                        |
| brush        | grmičevje                  |
| saddle       | sedlo                      |
| stall        | boks za žival              |
| boiling      | zelo vroč                  |
| hay          | seno                       |
| lip          | ustnnica                   |
| blanket      | prevleka                   |
| cough        | kašlanje                   |
| obey         | ubogati                    |
| buzzard      | kanja                      |
| comb         | glavnik                    |
| porch        | prostor pred vhodom v hišo |
| stern        | strog                      |
| supper       | večerja                    |
| lump         | oteklina                   |