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Pre-Reading

Imagine that you have a pet that has run away. The situation is complicated by the fact that the pet is destructive, and the neighbors are trying to stop it. Would you understand the community’s need to control the animal? Would your love for the animal blind you to your neighbor’s losses? Would you try to protect your pet, regardless of the consequences?

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Responding to the Selection

Choose ONE of the following:

Imagine you are Colin. You have just learned that the fox has been killed. Write a diary entry recording how you feel about Bandit’s death. Be sure the thoughts you express are in keeping with Colin’s character.

OR

How has Bandit’s death brought Stan, Colin, and their father closer together? Why has Colin’s father changed his mind about sending Colin to art school? How might Bandit be indirectly responsible for Colin’s success as an artist?