Read Chapter 4 of ***The Keeping Room***

**Vocabulary Words:** Students who have their own books are asked to write the definitions in their books in the margins. Students who don’t have their own books will write on sticky notes.

**Speculation p. 33**

**Under petticoat p. 34**

**Hearth p. 34, 35, 38**

**Realm p. 39**

**Mesmerized p. ?**

**Discussion Points:** Students who have their own book will highlight these main points. Plus, they are encouraged to write in their books too. (thinking, thoughts, etc.)

1. Page 32- Discuss the letter. – Short discussion

2. Page 33 – **Mother tells Joseph on page 33 “It is sometimes just as brave to know when not to fight as it is to fight.” Explain what this means. How do these wise words cause conflict with young Joseph?** (4LA\_A20124/ELACC4RL4) (3-7 minute discussion)

3. Page 33 – Why does young Joseph feel that Euven is a waste?

4**.** Page 34 - Discuss any details that the students might have felt were meaningful. 2-4 minute discussion only or go on to page 34-35. (Murderers, “I do not know what Father would have me do.” Or his father being alive or dead – explain -Why?)

5. **Why does Joseph struggle with the Quaker beliefs of this mother and teacher? How do they interfere with his image of himself and his father? How do they cause conflict for him? (4LA\_A20124/ELACC4RL4) (4LA\_A2012-3/ELACC4RL3) (5-10 minute discussion)**

6. Page 35 – Why would young Joseph suggest going to Burndale? Short discussion

7. Page - 36 – What is Joseph’s idea? Very short discussion

8. Page 36 – (very bottom) What purpose does Joseph have now? Use evidence to support your answer?

9. Page 37-Explain what a promise is. What is Joseph’s new idea?

10. Page 38 What is Joseph up to? In your opinion, is it a good or bad idea? Explain in detail using evidence from the text.

11. Page 39 **- Explain what Cato means when he says “Yo’ might got the master’s gun, boy, but ol Cato knows who yo’ is. Does yo’? Before yo’ puint that gun at a living thing make sure it’s something yo’ want dead, cause that’s what guns does, boy” (pg. 39)**

12. Page 39 – What is a secret?

13. Page 40 **- Why do they think Cato did not tell Joseph’s mother that Joseph had the gun?**

14. Page 41-42 - Hold a short discussion about Joseph’s & his mother’s conversation about the pistol. (Lord Cornwallis) – Explain why the Camden men have decided to meet Lord Cornwallis and the British outside of town with a flag of truce.

15. Why did young Joseph decide to surrender? Does this mean that he did not “stand tall” as his father asked him?