Read Chapter 6 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.

**Gallows p. 55 – Chapter 5 & p. 63, 76, & many more**

**Banished p. 65**

**Plucky p. 66**

**Desist p. 67**

**Regiment p. 75**

**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 63- Discuss the letter. – Short discussion –

2. Page 63-64 - See if the students have anything they want to discuss on these pages. Why has Mrs. Kershaw written a letter to her husband? What do you think it says?

3. Page 65-66- What does the Kershaw family eat for their noon meal? How would you feel if this is all you’re given in your own house to eat? Explain. Why isn’t mother allowed to go to Camden jail? Who isn’t allowing mother to go to Camden jail? Who is Lord Cornwallis allowing to go to the Camden jail? Who is excited to go, but isn’t allowed?

4. Page 66-69 – See if the students have anything they want to discuss on these pages. Describe the Redcoats behavior towards Joseph on the porch. What is the ditch for that has been dug in the front of the house? What does Joseph need to enter the Camden jail? Describe how the town has changed since the Redcoats have taken over Camden. Who does Joseph run into on the way to the jail?

5. Page 70-71 – What does Euven mean by “**War is never kind, Joey**.” How does Joseph feel toward Euven and his politeness towards Captain Harkins? Explain Captain Harkins remark: “**Perhaps we should all become Quakers**.” ***Why is Joseph afraid of seeing his father***?

6. Page 71-74 – Describe what Joseph sees at the Camden jail. (Living conditions, prisoners of war, guards, etc.) How do the guards (British soldiers) treat Joseph inside the Camden jail? Why do you think they act (behavior) the way they do?

7. Page 74- 77 – **Describe Joseph’s encounter with his father**. Why has Colonel Kershaw aged? **Reread paragraph 6 on page 75 through paragraph 6 on page 77**. What would you do all day sitting in jail? Discuss any other points of interest from the students’ perspective. **Using evidence in this chapter describe the conversation between young Joseph and his father.**

**Why does young Joseph think he has let his father down?**

8. Page 74-78 – What does Joseph’s father tell young Joseph to do? What is the faith of Colonel Kershaw? How does Colonel Kershaw react to young Joseph informing him of the gallows in their side garden? Finally, earlier in chapter 5 page 51-52, Captain Harkins told Mrs. Kershaw that her husband would be given the opportunity to join forces with the British. (Page 77) Mary and Joseph both replied to Captain Harkins that their father wouldn’t do that. Were the children correct? Prove your answer with evidence. Discuss any other points of interest from the students’ perspective.

9. Page 78-85 – Why does young Joseph hang out at the Camden jail once his father was taken by the lobster backs? Why does the defeated, ragged, sick, etc. begin to sing? Who are the other three individuals that Joseph encounters while receiving a pass from Lord Cornwallis to see his father? **Which individual becomes famous once he is a grown man**? What illness has taken over most of the American prisoners of war? Why do the lobster backs refer to them as beggars? What is the older man’s request of young Joseph? (\*\*page 80 – last 3 paragraphs) Discuss any other points of interest from the students’ perspective

10. Page 85-90 – What has begun again as soon as Joseph has returned to the Kershaw plantation? Young Joseph decides to find Rob Wilson. Why? In your opinion, would young Joseph be someone you would trust? Why or why not? Why does Jenkins smile at Joseph as he is awaiting death in a cruel manner by the British? **Reread pages 88-89**. Infer: why are the lobster backs causing troubles for young Joseph? Discuss any other points of interest from the students’ perspective

11. **Why do you think Captain Harkins feels the need to protect young Joseph? Why is young Joseph so angry with Captain Harkins?**

In chapter 5 & in this chapter the family discovers their dad/husband is alive but is now a prisoner of war. Mrs. Kershaw wants to visit her husband in the jail but they will not allow her to, however, young Joseph is allowed to visit his father in the Camden jail.