

**Independent Reading  
Double-Entry Journal**

**Name: Stephanie Croston**  
**Text: *The Bean Trees* by Barbra Kingsolver**

**Comment [I1]:** GRADE OF 34/37

**Comment [I2]:** SCORE OF 25/25

Quotation	Connection
1 "My mama said the Hardbines had kids just about as fast they could fall down the well and drown. This must not have been entirely true, since they were abundant in Pittman County and many survived to adulthood. "(page 2, paragraph 1)	Intertextual In <i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee, the Ewell clan makes up the poor white class in the society of Maycomb, Alabama. In <i>The Bean Trees</i> by Barbra Kingsolver, the Hardbines clan makes up rural Kentucky with the many relatives they have.
2 "I would go pond fishing of a Sunday and bring home the boniest mess of blue-gills and maybe a bass the size of your thumb, and the way Mama would carry on you would think I'd caught the famous big lunker in Shep's Lake that old men were always chewing their tobacco and thinking about. 'That's my big girl bringing home the bacon,' she would say, and cook those things and serve them up like Thanksgiving for the two of us." (page 3, paragraph 1) "Earl Wickentot my hind foot' is what Mama said. 'Girl, I've seen you eat a worm whole when you were five. He's no better than you are, and none of them Candy Stripers either.'" (page 5, paragraph 3)	Intratextual One of the numerous roles of a mother is to support and encourage a child in everything that they do. In the first quotation, Missy's mother over dramatizes and congratulates Missy about her catch at the pond. In the second quotation, Missy puts herself down because Earl Wickentot told her that she would not be capable of being a candy striper, and so Missy's mother explains that Earl Wickentot does not know what he is talking about. Missy's mother tells Missy that Earl Wickentot does not know what Missy is capable of.
3 "After two days passed with nothing more said about it, I stayed after class and told him that if he didn't have his mind made up yet he'd just as well let me do it, because I would do a right smart job. I had stayed out of trouble this long, I said, and didn't intend to let my effort go to waste just because I was soon going to graduate." (page 7, paragraph 8)	Personal Missy is a very stubborn and determined young lady who wanted to be a candy striper. She pleaded her case by saying that she "stayed out of trouble" and so she should be allowed to work as a candy striper. When I first moved to America, I was told that if I did not repeat first grade then I would not be able to succeed and make good grades. I was stubborn and determined not to repeat first grade and to prove that everyone who told me that I could not succeed. Eventually, everyone gave into me and I won my argument, just like Missy.

**Comment [I3]:** You make a clear connection between the novels. Stating that the parallel between the two is in terms of social class would be even more effective.

**Comment [I4]:** You effectively identify character with strong adjectives.

4	<p>"Go ahead and kill your daddy for all I care, he's the one you want, not yourself and not me." (page 9, paragraph 2)</p> <p>"She started telling me how it was all Newt's daddy's fault, he beat him up, beat her up, and even had hit the baby with a coal scuttle." (page 12, paragraph ½)</p>	Intratextual	<p>In these two quotations, the emotions and conflict are emphasized by the suffering of Jolene Hardbine, Newt Hardbine, and their baby. Newt Hardbine's father placed Newt and Jolene in the hospital. Newt Hardbine was murdered by his father. In one quotation, Jolene Hardbine explains that her father in-law beat the family, and in the other quotation she is screaming that it will be right by her for Newt to kill his father.</p>
5	<p>"What she said was 'Why not, my daddy'd been calling me a slut practically since I was thirteen, so why the hell not? Newt was just who it happened to be. You know the way it is.'" (page 12, paragraph 3)</p>	Personal	<p>This quotation is a perfect example of the way some teenagers are thinking these days. Some teenagers give into the peer pressure of society while their families do not support abstinence. An acquaintance of mine was born to a teenage parent and is now often left alone without supervision. The mother knows that her daughter is partying and sleeping around, but does nothing about it. The mother calls her daughter every name under the sun, but still does not do anything about her daughter's behavior. The same thing happened to Jolene Hardbine.</p>

**Comment [I5]:** Excellent focus on conflict, but describe the forces in opposition with more detail.

**Comment [I6]:** By focusing on someone you actually know, you transform your explanation into a personal connection. If you had not, it would be generalization rather than a personal reference.

## Vocabulary Acquisition

word 1	Ornery
sentence from text (page number)	"She'd had an old grandpa that was full-blooded Cherokee, one of the few that got left behind in Tennessee because he was too old or too ornery to get marched over to Oklahoma." (page 17, paragraph 3)
definition	Ordinary
contextually accurate sentence	The ornery girl was cast out of society, because she was an ordinary girl who did not socialize.

Comment [I7]: SCORE OF 9/12

Comment [I8]: This word is not an slang form of ordinary. It's an actual word that means *cantankerous*, *bad-tempered*, *irritable*, and *grouchy*. Note how it is used in the novel's sentence.

Comment [I9]: An *ornery* person might be cast out of society but not for being ordinary.

word 2	Hokey
sentence from text (page number)	"Some had Indians in various hokey poses, but most were views-from-the-air of Oral Roberts University, which apparently was in the vicinity-although I'm pretty sure if it had been within two hundred miles I could have see it from the parking lot." (page 19, paragraph 7)
definition	Obviously contrived, esp. to win popular appeal or support; phony.
contextually accurate sentence	Most advertisements use hokey postures that models stage to appeal to their targeted market.

word 3	Silo
sentence from text (page number)	"The sounds of the cars on the highway seemed to get sucked straight out over the empty fields where there was nothing, not even a silo, to stop them from barreling on forever into the night." (page 26, paragraph 4)
definition	A tall cylindrical structure, usually beside a barn, in which fodder is stored.
contextually accurate sentence	Mostly in the Midwest, silos are common to see in the landscape, especially on farms where they were used to store food for the animals.