**Discussion Questions for Lit Circles- Journal Entry #7**

Choose 4 questions to answer in your response journal. This is INSTEAD of doing a journal task.

**To Kill A Mockingbird**

**Chapter 15 -20 (choose 4)**

1. Chapter 15- What does Scout’s childish attempt at conversation with the mob accomplish? Explain
2. Chapter 15-Why was Atticus so affectionate toward Jem, even after Jem disobeyed him and would not leave the mob scene?
3. Chapter 18- What does Atticus do that makes Mayella Ewell think that he’s making fun of her? Wht does this swhow us about Mayella’s life?
4. Chapter 19- Why was it a mistake for Tom to say he felt sorry for Mayella?
5. Miss Maudie says that Atticus is the “same in the courtroom as he is on the streets”. Why is that such a compliment?
6. Chapter 21- Why, according to Atticus, does Marybella throw false accusations at Tom?

**In the Heat of the Night**

1. Chapter 10- The author continues to probe the character of the police chief. What three characteristics of the man does he comment on in the opening two pages of this chapter?
2. The theme of racial prejudice is most forcefully brought out again in this chapter. Illustrate how the following has been used to emphasize the hopelessness of the Negro’s postion in Wells.
   1. The attack on Virgil
   2. The insulting of Dr. Harding
   3. The attacker’s threat: “I’ll demand a jury trail. You know what that means.”
3. How has chapter 11 contributed to our picture of life in Wells?

**The Crysalids**

1. What are your thoughts on Wydham telling his story through children? Do you think the message or points reached would still be the same if he had used mostly adults?
2. How many of the cruelties and injustices are due as much to character of the individuals involved as to the absolute need for purification? Remember as old Jacob said, “Mutants used to be burned.” Give examples and explain.
3. What different version of the Christian religion does David hear from his captor? Specifically, compare and contrast references to the Devil and God to what David was taught. How does this relate to what Uncle Axel said to David about the “true image”?
4. What opinions does the New Zealand woman express about normal people? How do these comments echo the very same problems in the attitudes of the normal people and the fringes people? How does she explain the causes of Tribulation?

**The Cage**

1. Chapter 30-Where has Riva arrived after the second train ride? How is her destination different from Auschwitz?
2. Chapter 32- onward -What is Riva commanded to forget? To remember?
3. What work does Riva do at the camp?
4. Do you think Riva is courageous? Give examples from the text as evidence.