Study Sheet for *The Old Man and the Sea*

The Quest Begins – pp. 6-12 (beginning until [31], [39] to [46])

Catching the fish – pp. 24-27 ([85] to [89], [92] to [96])

Return to port – pp. 33-35 ([117]) to [125])

1. This story’s main character is, of course, an old man. Do we ever hear the old man’s name? If so, what is it?

2. Where does this story take place?

3. What is a skiff?

4. What does the boy do for the old man?

5. The old man and the boy share a hobby – what is that hobby?

6. Who is the old man’s hero?

7. Do the two go fishing together? Why or why not?

8. How does the old man hold his fishing line?

9. How does the old finally catch the fish?

10. How large is the fish?

11. He ties the great fish to his fishing boat and begins to return to port, but something terrible happens – what?

12. When he finally returns to port, what is the condition of the great fish?

13. What does the boy do for the old man?