

Name Ruth Date 4-29  
Title The Great Gilly Hopkins  
Author Katherine Paterson

### LITERATURE CIRCLE DISCUSSION PREPARATION SHEET

Chapter(s) or pages read prior to the meeting 163-178

**Summary:** Tell the main idea or the events in your own words.

- Gilly had started school at Jackson Elementary School
- She finds out she will see Courtney
- Gilly tells Mrs. Trotter, "I love you"

**Words, words and more words!** Record the interesting, unusual, favorite or challenging words that you come across in your reading. Define each.

scarce - lacking in quantity or number  
quavering - trembling or to thrill

#### Questioning

Come up with an open-ended question about what you have read.

Why doesn't Courtney want to keep Gabriel Hopkins as her daughter?

#### Response/Reaction to Your Reading

Think about the connections you have to the character, the setting or the plot. What connections can you make to what you read? (The part about \_\_\_\_\_ reminds me of \_\_\_\_\_ ... or I can relate to this character because...)

The part about Gilly and Nonnie going to pick up Courtney at the airport reminds me of when I picked up my grandparents at the airport in the Philippines.

**Choose a response starter.**

It's hard to believe...

If I were the character I would feel...

I would change...

If I had been there I would have...

My favorite part(s) is (are)...

The part that makes a real picture in my mind is ...

I like how the author...

I don't like how the author...

I like how the author shows love between Gilly and Mrs. Trotter. Even if Mrs. Trotter wasn't Gilly's real mom, Gilly probably felt like she was at home when she stayed with Mrs. Trotter and W.E.