Student Suggestions to change Explaining The Cay assignment

Students commented on really enjoying

Draw a scene both on paper and with iPad

Writing a Journal entry as a character

Choosing a section of the text to record orally reading

Talking about the text just read

New activities to specifically add

A Poem

If I was in the story, I would feel

Recording an interview

Pick a piece of text and explain why I like it

Activities not enjoyed

Discussing the setting

Relating the story to something personal

(Several students really struggled and needed help to try and see how the story connected to their life in any way. – Planes, Boats, People, Ocean, etc)

Additional ideas generated by Mr. Amboe after reading their feedback

Draw 3 important events – discuss your choices

Draw 3 scenes to show a beginning, middle, and end of an event

A mini ignite with 4 photos in a slide show and 1 minute to talk

A similar assignment could do a Puppet Pals that then gets embedded