**Out of the Dust**

Constructed Response

20 points

**Task:**

* Choose one of the questions to answer.
* Support your answer with at least three strong pieces of evidence from the book.
* Site the page number where the evidence is found.
  + i.e. – The dust storms were a devastating part of Billie Jo’s life and it changed and dictated the decisions that were made and how they lived their daily lives. “Brown earth rained down from the sky. I could not catch my breath the way the dust pressed on my chest and wouldn’t stop. The dirt blew down so thick it scratched my eyes.” (pg. 143)

1. Throughout the book, Out of the Dust, the theme of forgiveness weaves it’s way through many of the relationships: Billie Jo and Ma, Billie Jo and Daddy, Billie Jo, Daddy and the land. Choose one of these relationships and give evidence to the conflict, forgiveness, and change that takes place throughout the story.
2. In the book, Out of the Dust, the dust, through it’s destruction and constant presence, plays a central role in the story. What is the metaphorical connection between Billie Jo and the dust?