

# Silent to the Bone: Independent Reading Study

While you are reading *Silent to the Bone* you will be asked to follow several different tasks throughout the course of the novel

- Task #1: There is a significant correlation between Branwell's health and his sister Nikki's health. You will find the correlation between the two of them and create a graphic organizer to chart their progress. As Branwell seems to get better, so does Nikki.
- Task #2: This story uses many examples of the literary element "flashback". You will create a timeline to organize your thoughts and to help demonstrate how Connor is able to discover the truth behind Branwell's silence.
- Task #3: The title *Silent to the Bone*, is an obvious reference to Branwell's silence after Nikki's injury; although, there are several other silences in the novel. You will write a two to three page essay on the different types of silences that are introduced in the novel and how they are resolved. You are not to talk about Branwell's silence.