

6th Grade Summer Reading

You are required to read two books over the summer. For one book you must complete assignment #1 and for the other book you must complete assignment #2.

You must read By the Great Horn Spoon! by Sid Fleischman and Call it Courage by Armstrong Sperry.

Assignment #1 (choose one of the required books) Answer the following:

1. Your assignment should be 1 page typed.
2. Write a brief summary of your book including some of the most important events. (1 paragraph)
3. What is the setting?
4. List the main characters, the roles they play in the novel, and describe their personalities.
5. Compare yourself to one of the characters. How are you similar and how are you different from the character? (You may use a Venn Diagram)
6. List three reasons why you would recommend this book to a friend. Reasons for recommending the book may include some of the following: the style of writing, characters, plot, or important ideas in the book. Include specific examples from the book for each reason.

Assignment #2: (choose the other required book)

You must choose one of the following projects:

1. Make up an interview with one of your main characters asking at least 5 questions with detailed responses of at least 2 sentences.
2. Create a script for a skit incorporating the main events for the story. Needs to be at least 2 pages typed and double-spaced.
3. Write a 20-line poem that summarizes your book. Use the book title as the poem title, include at least 2 stanzas, have a rhyme pattern, and describe who, what, when, where, why, and how in your poem.

7th Grade Summer Reading

You are required to read two books over the summer. For one book you must complete assignment #1 and for the other book you must complete assignment #2.

You must read The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi and Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life by Wendy Mass.

Assignment #1 (choose one of the required books)

1. Your assignment should be 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pages typed.
2. Write a brief summary of your book including some of the most important events. (1 paragraph only)
3. What is the setting? How does the setting influence the story?
4. How has one character changed from the beginning of the novel to the end? What has one character learned about himself/herself or about others through his/her experiences in the novel?
5. Compare yourself to one of the characters. How are you similar and how are you different from the character?
6. Find a connection between the book and the wider-world. You may connect to: (choose 1 and discuss)
 - a. past experiences
 - b. events at school or in the community
 - c. stories in the news
 - d. similar events at other times and places
 - e. movies or television shows that you have seen
7. Discuss the feelings that you experienced while reading the novel.

Assignment #2: (choose the other required book)

You must choose one of the following projects:

1. Compose a mock interview with one of your main characters asking at least 7 questions with detailed responses of at least 2 sentences.
2. Create a script for a skit incorporating the main events for the story. Needs to be at least 2 pages typed and double-spaced
3. Write a 20-line poem that summarizes your book. Use the book title as the poem title, include at least 2 stanzas, have a rhyme pattern, and describe who, what, when, where, why, and how in your poem.

8th Grade Summer Reading

You are required to read two books over the summer. For one book you must complete assignment #1 and for the other book you must complete assignment #2.

You must read The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain and To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee.

Assignment #1 (choose one of the required books)

1. Your assignment should be 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 pages typed.
2. Write a brief summary of your book including some of the most important events. (1 paragraph only)
3. What is the setting? How does the setting influence the story?
4. How has one character changed from the beginning of the novel to the end? What has one character learned about himself/herself or about others through his/her experiences in the novel?
5. Compare yourself to one of the characters. How are you similar and how are you different from the character?
6. Find a connection between the book and the wider-world. You may connect to: (choose 1 and discuss)
 - a. past experiences
 - b. events at school or in the community
 - c. stories in the news
 - d. similar events at other times and places
 - e. movies or television shows that you have seen
7. Discuss the feelings that you experienced while reading the novel.
8. Give me a window into your continued thinking about the novel.
Address such ideas as: (choose 2 and discuss)
 - a. Some important points are ...
 - b. What comes next ...
 - c. The author wants us to know ...
 - d. I still don't understand ...
 - e. What interested me most was ...
 - f. Questions I have for the author are ...
 - g. My criticism of the book is ...

Assignment #2: (choose the other required book)

You must choose one of the following projects:

1. Compose a mock interview with one of your main characters asking at least 8 questions with detailed responses of at least 2 sentences.
2. Create a script for a skit incorporating the main events for the story. Needs to be at least 2 pages typed and double-spaced
3. Write a 20-line poem that summarizes your book. Use the book title as the poem title, include at least 2 stanzas, have a rhyme pattern, and describe who, what, when, where, why, and how in your poem.