

## 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Rising 6th grade students will read one (1) book of their choice from the 6th grade reading list below. **This should be a book not previously read.** Students will produce a written response as described below, which will count as their first grade of the year. Please submit the written portion of the assessment to your language arts teacher on **the first day of school.**

**This assignment may be typed or handwritten.**

### Instructions:

1. Read the book of your choosing from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade book list below.
2. Divide your novel into four (4) equal sections. Choose one meaningful passage from each of the 4 sections of your novel; **QUOTE** (do not paraphrase) the passage of your choice and write the page number of the passage.  
(E.g.: Your book has 180 pages ...  $180/4 = 45$ . This example shows you should write a response every 45 pages.)
3. Next, use one response from the list below to give your personal insight (NOT a summary) for each of the four passages. Provide a word count at the end. (Use the following examples only once so that you have a variety of responses.)
  - a. This passage is important because...
  - b. This passage reveals the character's...
  - c. This passage fits with the book as a whole since...
  - d. Christians can relate to this quote because...
  - e. This excerpt makes me feel (angry/sympathetic/confused etc.) because...
  - f. This character reminds me of...
  - g. This character exhibits the quality of courage (honesty, etc.) ...
  - h. The point the author wants to make here is...
  - i. I have felt the same emotions as this character when...
  - j. The author uses the literary device of (imagery/symbolism/theme etc.)...
  - k. This setting is significant because...
  - l. I agree/disagree with this character's decision because...
  - m. This is exciting /boring because...
  - n. The author does a good/bad job of...

Each commentary should be no less than 50 words in length. You should have a total of four entries.

4. **FINALLY**, include a cover page including:

- your name
- the book's title
- the book's author
- the book's page count

### Example:

Passage 1

"Fire swamps are, of course, entirely misnamed...Simply, there are swamps which contain a large percentage of sulfur and other gas bubbles that burst continually into flame. They are covered with lush giant trees that shadow the ground, making the flame bursts seems particularly dramatic. Because they are dark, they are almost always quite moist, thereby attracting the standard insect and alligator community that prefers a moist climate" (page 199).

Response (J):

The author uses imagery in this passage as he describes the fire swamps. The writing is so powerful that I could see in my mind a huge, dark swamp like something out of a fairy tale, only with jets of flames popping up. The author does a great job of describing the swamps and why they were such a terror to Florin and Guilder. (64 words)

## 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

**Parents:** Below you will find a list of engaging and well-written stories that represent a variety of genres. Your student should choose *one novel* from the list below to complete their assignment. While we endeavor to choose books that are representative of appropriate content, age level, and maturity, we recommend each family research the suggested selections. You may find the following sites helpful as you discern the best publication for your student: [www.squeakycleanreviews.com](http://www.squeakycleanreviews.com), [www.commonssensemedia.org](http://www.commonssensemedia.org), [www.thrivingfamily.com](http://www.thrivingfamily.com)

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
Twenty and Ten	Bishop, Claire Huchet
The Kingdom Series	Black, Chuck
The Knights of Arrethtrae Series	Black, Chuck
The Secret Garden	Burnett, Francis
Johnny Tremain	Forbes, Esther
The Book of the King Series	Jenkins, Jerry B.
The Lost Medallion: The Adventures of Billy Stone	Kendrick, Alex and Muir, Bill
The Mandie Collection	Leppard, Lois Gladys
My Friend Flicka	O'Hara, Mary
Bridge to Terabithia	Paterson, Katherine
Hatchet	Paulsen, Gary
The Wingfeather Saga Series	Peterson, Andrew
The Prince Warrior Series	Shirer, Priscilla
The Bronze Bow	Speare, Elizabeth
A Case for Christ for Kids	Strobel, Lee
Shaken: Discovering Your True Identity in the Midst of Life's Storms	Tebow, Tim
Through My Eyes	Tebow, Tim
Joni: An Unforgettable Story	Tada, Joni Eareckson
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Taylor, Mildred
Behind the Bedroom Wall	Williams, Laura E.