



6th grade Summer Reading Requirements

Please note: Summer learning loss has been described as “devastating.” Researchers refer to this as the “summer slide.” It is estimated that school summer breaks cause the average student to lose up to one month of instruction. It is important that students are reading throughout the summer to maintain the hard work and gains that they make during the school year.

Required Reading

All incoming sixth grade students are required to read a novel from their class list. While reading, students are required to fill out a reading log and vocabulary chart. When finished reading, students are required to choose a project from the matrix and complete it. Students are required to read their novels in their entirety. Students and parents will be asked to sign that the books were read. All parts of the assignment are due the first day of school.

Class	Book Title
6th Grade Language Arts	<i>Hatchet</i> by Gary Paulsen OR <i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i> by Scott O'Dell

Reading Log

Directions: This Reading Log & the Vocabulary chart are part of your Summer Reading Assignments. Please fill both of them in as you read your novel this summer. Model your responses after the example shown.

Student Name: _____

Novel Title: _____ Author: _____ Total Pgs.: _____

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Reading Log

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Vocabulary Chart

Directions: As you read, fill in this Vocabulary chart with words you struggled with from your reading. There is a sample included. Please model your responses after the sample. You should have at least 15 new words.

	Date	Vocab word	Sentence from the novel that contains the chosen word	Definition of the vocabulary word as it is used in the sentence from the nove.
Ex:	6-19-19	immaculate	He kept his room immaculate.	Extremely clean; untouched
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Vocabulary Chart

	Date	Vocab word	Sentence from the novel that contains the chosen word	Definition of the vocabulary word as it is used in the sentence from the nove.
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Reading Project Choice Board

Directions: Choose one of the boxes from the matrix below to complete for one of your required reading books. Your project is due the first day of school.

<p>Letter to a Friend: Write a letter to one of the characters to give them advice, encouragement, or thoughts to help them through the situation they are in. (1.5-2 pages)</p>	<p>Dear Diary: Write 2-4 journal entries from a character's perspective of events in the novel. Make sure you reflect their voice, language, point of view, and personality. (1 page per entry)</p>	<p>Interview: Come up with 15 questions based on some of the issues that the characters in the story deal with. The questions will need to be thought provoking and relevant to the novel (not one-word answer questions). Also include what the answers to the questions would be from the characters point of view.</p>
<p>Comic Strip: Create a cartoon of your favorite scene using at least 6 different boxes. Include captions and speech bubbles for what is happening in the cartoon. You can draw the comic strip or do it online.</p>	<p>What if?: How would the ending of the story have changed if the problem had not been resolved? Rewrite the ending of the story with this in mind. (2 pages)</p>	<p>Story Timeline: Create a timeline of events from the story. Include at least 8 events that happened. You can create the timeline using a variety of pictures (with captions) and summaries on a long sheet of paper, a computer slideshow, or any other creative idea.</p>
<p>Character Creation: Create a puppet, sculpture, digital graphic, or a drawing/painting of one of the main characters in the story. Write one page describing the character in detail including character traits. Be creative!</p>	<p>Book Review: Write a review for the novel. You should include the setting and brief description without spoilers. Give it a rating and recommendation.</p>	<p>Artistic Summary: Create a collage to display the setting of the story. Write a half of a page explanation on how the setting impacts the story.</p>

Summer Reading Assignment Rubric

This is the rubric that your summer reading assignment will be graded from. Your reading log, vocabulary chart, and project are all due on the first day of school.

Grade	Knowledge of the Novel	Creativity	Attention to Directions and Presentation	Reading Log and Vocabulary Chart
A	The project shows a thorough understanding of the novel. It includes many details from the novel.	The project reflects great time and effort. It creatively and neatly displays information about the book.	The student followed the project directions perfectly. All elements of the project are included. The project was handed in on time.	Both assignments are filled out completely and correctly with details.
B	The project shows a good understanding of the novel. It includes some details from the novel.	The project reflects time and effort. There is evidence of creative thought. The information is displayed neatly.	The student has most elements stated in the project directions. The project was handed in on time.	Both assignments are filled out completely, but they are missing details.
C	The project demonstrates some understanding of the novel. It is missing several important details.	The project reflects some time or effort. Handwriting and/or visuals are not the student's best work.	The student has some of the requirements stated in the project directions. The project was handed in within two days of the due date.	One or both of the assignments are only halfway completed and missing details.
D	The project shows a lack of understanding of the novel. It does not include any important details.	Project appears thrown together with little effort or aesthetic appeal.	The project was more than three days late. The project does not meet any of the requirements stated in the directions.	The logs are mostly incomplete and sloppy.



6th Grade Summer Reading
Parent/Guardian Form

All students are expected to bring this permission form to their teacher on the first day of school.

Student's Name: _____

Title of Book: _____

Author of Book: _____

I have reviewed my child's independent choice book and have determined that it is appropriate for my child and this assignment. I can verify that my child has completed the reading of all of their assigned summer reading books.

Signature of the Student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of the Parent: _____

All work is due the first day of school!