

## ENTERING 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

During the seventy-two days of summer break, rising sixth grade students will read one (1) book of their choice from the 6th grade reading list. This should be a book not previously read. Students will produce a written response as described below, which will count as a test grade. Students MAY elect to take an AR quiz the first week of school to count toward their first quarter AR point requirements. Please submit the written portion of the assessment to your language arts teacher Monday, August 12, 2019.

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

#### **Instructions:**

1. Read the book of your choosing from the 6<sup>TH</sup> grade book list.
2. Divide your novel into four (4) equal sections. Choose one meaningful passage from each of the 4 sections of your novel; quote it and write the page number of the passage.  
(E.g.: Your book has 240 pages ...  $240/4 = 60$ . This example shows you should write a response every 60 pages.)
3. Next, use one response 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 four 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. Include a cover page with your name, the book's title, the book's author, and the book's total 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:

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)