

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT 2021
SIXTH GRADE

Dear Sixth Grade Students:

It is that time of year again, time to enjoy some excellent literature. Over the summer you are required to read one specific book given and two other books from the list below.

Part 1

Directions: Read the historical fiction novel: Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

Your response must be typed in legible font style and size 12.

Choose one of the essay questions in Group A.

Choose one of the informational essay questions in Group B

Group A Essay Questions (Three Paragraphs) CHOOSE ONE

1. Define friendship and use examples from the story to differentiate between real friends and false ones.
2. Write a character analysis of Cassie showing what kind of person she is at the beginning of the story and the ways in which she changes by the end of the story.
3. Pretend you are a 1930's tourist who happens to be visiting the store in Strawberry on the day Cassie is mistreated. Write a letter to the newspaper editor describing your observations and making constructive suggestions about what should be done about it.
4. Create a diary for Jeremy showing how the story would be different from his eyes. How do the Logan children hurt him without meaning to? What could they have done differently?

Group B Informational Essay Questions: CHOOSE ONE

1. Define prejudice and show the impact it had on the characters. In what ways are the Logans themselves also prejudiced?
2. How does prejudice affect Americans today? How can people be prejudiced against a group of people without realizing it?
3. Define respect and tell how a person earns it. What is wrong with using violence to demand respect? When, if ever, is violence an okay or necessary solution?

Part II

Directions: Pick one book from the list below. Short Responses: (one paragraph).
Choose one response per book.

1. How does the author show friendship between two or more characters in your novel?
2. Compare and contrast the friendships between the characters from each novel.

Surviving the Applewhites, by Stephanie S. Tolan (fiction)

The Secret Garden, by Frances Hodgson Burnett (fiction)

Freak the Mighty, by Rodman Philbrick (fiction)

Number the Stars, by Lois Lowry (fiction)

The Shakespeare Stealer, by Gary Blackwood (fiction)

Annie and Helen, by Deborah Hopkinson (nonfiction)

Sybil Ludington's Midnight Ride, by Marsha Amstel (nonfiction)

Maniac Magee, by Jerry Spinelli (fiction)

Part III

In addition to the novels you choose, you need to read the informational text article, "How to Find True Friends, 8 Qualities of a Good Friend", by Jessica Stevenson. The author of the article lists qualities of a true friend. Pick one friendship from the books given. Give at least two examples from the books you read that show the friendship you choose has some of the qualities given in the article.