



5th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to 5th Grade! Please select one of the following novels below to read. You will find a brief synopsis of each book to assist you in making a choice. After you finish reading the novel, please complete the attached graphic organizer and return during your first week of school.

Happy Reading!

Book Choices (Select Only One)

1. Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

This is the story of Karana, the Indian girl who was left behind on the Island of the Blue Dolphins. Year after year she watched one season pass into another an waiting for a ship to take her away. While she waited, she kept herself alive by building shelter, making weapons, finding food, and fighting her enemies, the wild dogs. Her story is an unusual adventure of survival and personal discovery.

2. The Toothpaste Millionaire by Jean Merrill

Sixth-grader, Rufus Mayflower, doesn't set out to become a millionaire. He just wants to save on toothpaste. Betting he can make a gallon of his own for the same price as one tube from the store, Rufus develops a step-by-step production plan with help from his good friend Kate. By the time he reaches the eighth grade, Rufus makes more than a gallon—he makes a million! This fun, breezy story set in 1960s Cleveland, Ohio contains many real-life mathematical problems which the characters must solve to succeed in their budding business.

3. Frindle by Andrew Clements

When Nick learns some interesting information about how words are created, suddenly he's got the inspiration for his best plan ever...the frindle. Who says a pen has to be called a pen? Why not call it a frindle? Things begin innocently enough as Nick gets his friends to use the new word. Then other people in town start saying frindle. Soon the school is in an uproar, and Nick has become a local hero. His teacher wants Nick to put an end to all this nonsense, but the funny thing is frindle doesn't belong to Nick anymore. The new word is spreading across the country, and there's nothing Nick can do to stop it.

4. Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry

On an island off the coasts of Virginia and Maryland, lives a centuries-old band of wild ponies. Among them is the most mysterious of all, Phantom, a rarely seen mare that eludes all efforts to capture her—that is, until a young boy and girl lay eyes on her and determine that they can't live without her. The frenzied roundup that follows on the next "Pony Penning Day" does indeed bring Phantom into their lives, in a way they never would have suspected. Phantom would forever be a creature of the wild. But her gentle, loyal colt Misty is another story altogether.



Book REVIEW

Name _____

OVERVIEW

- TITLE: _____
- AUTHOR: _____
- RATING (out of 5 stars):
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

EXPLAIN YOUR RATING



“ Find a QUOTE from the book that you found interesting, intriguing or inspiring. ”



What are 3 words to describe this book?
Write them in the boxes below.

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SUMMARY!

1. What is the book about?
2. Where does the book mainly take place?
3. Who is the book mainly about?
4. What happens in the book?
5. What does the book teach the reader?

Combine your answers to create a quick summary of the book.

Book Review

Name _____
Book _____
Author _____



What is one important setting in the book?

What does the setting look like?

Sketch a picture of the setting.

SKETCH THE SETTING

AWARD TIME

Imagine that you can give this book an award. What would it be?

AWARD: _____

Why is the book worthy of the award?

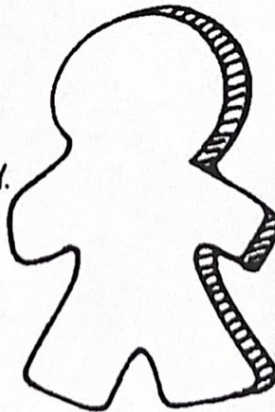


WRITE YOUR BOOK'S AWARD ON THE TROPHY.

CHARACTER ANALYSIS

Who is one of the main characters in the book? _____

- Describe the character's **APPEARANCE**.
- Describe the character's **PERSONALITY**.
- Describe the character's **ACTIONS**.



PLOT

What was one major plot event in the book?
What happened? Why was it important?

