

6th Grade Summer Assignment

Welcome incoming 6th graders! We are so excited to meet you in the fall!

Our first unit in ELA will be on realistic fiction. In order to prepare you for this, we would like you to choose one of the following books to read over the summer. Please choose **ONLY ONE** of these books, because in the fall you will be assigned to a book club and will read the other books on the list. So don't spoil the fun by reading all three this summer!

BOOK LIST

The Misfits by James Howe

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

TASK

Step 1: Read your chosen book within a 2-week time span and take notes as you read. Use the graphic organizer on the back of this page to take your notes.

Step 2: After reading your chosen book, write a 3 paragraph Reader's Response to the book.

- In the first paragraph, give a 5-6 sentence summary of the book.
- In the second paragraph, tell about your thinking while reading. This paragraph is all about showing your reading skills, like predicting, inferring, tracking character changes, noticing traits, motivations, and flaws, and analyzing themes. Choose at least 2 specific skills to focus on and use text evidence to support your observations. (Refer to the graphic organizer to add more details.)
- In the third paragraph, tell your opinion of the book, and explain in detail why you feel that way. Would you recommend it to a peer? Why or why not?

Bring your notes and response with you on the first day of school. Please include the reader's response rubric as well. We look forward to reading your amazing work!

Novel Title: _____

As you read your selected novel, utilize this graphic organizer to collect notes as you read. After every chapter please write observations and thoughts that correspond to one of the skills listed below. You can use these ideas to help form your reader's response.

- Predictions
- Inferences
- Lessons/Themes
- Character changes
- Character traits
- Character motivations and/or flaws

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Reader's Response Rubric

	4	3	2	1
Organization	There are three clear paragraphs, and the piece is <u>typed</u> , neat, and looks highly professional.	There are three paragraphs, and the response is neat and professional.	There are three paragraphs, though there may be issues with indenting properly. The response is possibly a bit sloppy looking.	There are no clear paragraphs, and the assignment looks sloppy.
Summary	There is a clear summary of the book overall, which shows a clear and critical understanding of what happened from beginning to end.	There is a summary of the book overall, which shows a solid understanding of what happened from beginning to end.	There is a summary of the book overall, but there may be a few gaps in understanding what happened.	The summary of the book shows big gaps in understanding.
Critical Thinking and Analysis	The "skill" and "opinion" paragraphs show plenty of critical analysis of the book AND use plenty of text evidence to support ideas.	The "skill" and "opinion" paragraphs show some critical analysis of the book AND use some text evidence to support ideas.	The "skill" and "opinion" paragraphs show that the reader tried to analyze the book AND use a bit of text evidence to support ideas.	The "skill" and "opinion" paragraphs do not show any analysis; instead, they are just more summary of what happened.