



6th Grade Honors Summer Reading Assignment



"Children who read at least six books during the summer maintained or improved their reading skills, while kids who didn't read any saw their skills slip by as much as an entire grade level." (Fiore, Carol and Roman, Susan. School Library Journal "Summer Reading Programs Boost Student Achievement Study Says." 5 May 2013)

~ **Choose one of the books from the reading list to read, analyze, and be prepared to present your analysis to the class.**

To analyze your book choose a **story element** from the list below. In **one paragraph (no more)**, **explain** how it has a positive or negative impact on **the reader's enjoyment of the book**, and **cite two** specific examples **from the text** to support your opinion. The literary elements to look for in your novel are:

1. **Setting:** Setting is the time and place of the action. The time can be a season or a time of day. The place can be a room, a country, or any place you imagine. Often the setting affects the story and how it is solved.
2. **Characters:** Characters are the people, animals, or creatures who take part in the story's action. The character's qualities, such as courage, affect the story's events and conflict.
3. **Conflict:** A conflict is the problem or struggle that a character faces in a story. The struggle can be between characters or between a character and the setting or a force of nature, such as a storm. A conflict can also be within a character, as he or she struggles with a difficult problem.

Be prepared to share this during the 2nd week of school.

***Create a visual connected to your analysis to use during your talk. All creative ideas are encouraged, here are some suggestions:**

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| puppets | flip book |
| poster | student created digital presentation |
| diorama | foldable |

***In your presentation, be sure to share your analysis of a specific literary element and how it has a positive or negative impact on the reader's enjoyment of the book.**

- Your talk must be at least 1 minute, but no longer than 2. This will be strictly enforced.
- Do not give away the ending of your book! The purpose of your talk is **NOT** to summarize the plot.
- We suggest you start with something that will grab the class's attention, not "The book I read was..."
- We look forward to you sharing your analysis and visual during your talk!

6th Grade Honors Summer Reading Rubric

Category	5 points- meets expectations	4-3 points- partially meets expectations	2-1 point- barely meets expectations	Total Points
Visual	Visual makes a strong connection to your analysis of a literary element	Visual is somewhat connected to the analysis and literary element	Visual is not clearly connected to the book	
Paragraph analysis	Clearly states one literary element, and how it effects the reader's enjoyment of the book with two specific examples from the text	States one literary element and how it effects the readers enjoyment of the book with one specific example from the text	Analysis is unclear and lacks text examples	
Presentation	Presents in front of the class with eye contact and clearly explains how visual is connected to literary element.	Presents in front of the class with some eye contact and explains how visual is connected to literary element.	Presents in front of the class with no eye contact <i>and/or</i> doesn't explain how visual is connected to literary element.	

6th Grade Honors Summer Reading List

*Choose 1 of the books below to read for your analysis

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Listening for Lions</i>, by Gloria Whelan • <i>The Boy on the Wooden Box</i>, by Leon Leyson • <i>The Call of the Wild</i>, by Jack London • <i>The Golden Goblet</i>, by Eloise J. McGraw | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Anne of Green Gables</i>, by Lucy Maud Montgomery • <i>A Single Shard</i>, by Linda Sue Park • <i>Black Beauty</i>, by Anna Sewell • <i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i>, by Elizabeth George Speare |
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*Please make sure you read the unabridged version and chose a book **you have not read** before.

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island."

-Walt Disney