

## 6th grade Summer Reading Assignment

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions: Read two books from the 6th grade St. James book list. Choose two of the following assignments (one for each book) and hand it in on the third day of school. Happy Reading!**

Book Jacket	Interview	Diary	Letter
Little to no grammatical errors. _____/5 pts	Little to no grammatical errors. _____/10 pts	Little to no grammatical errors. _____/10 pts	Little to no grammatical errors. _____/10 pts
Creative cover page with illustration, book title and author.  _____/20 pts.	Write at least ten questions that will give the character the opportunity to discuss his/her thoughts and feelings about his/her role in the story.  _____/20 pts.	Write a diary that the main character might have kept before, during or after the book's events.  _____/20 pts.	Write a letter to the main character of your book asking questions, protesting a situation, and/or making a complaint and/or a suggestion. You are speaking directly to the character.  _____/20 pts.
Inside left flap of book jacket has copyright/publishing information, five important quotes and an explanation of why each quote is significant (2-3 sentences for each).  _____/25 pts.	Write ten, thoughtful responses to each of your questions (3-5 sentences). Remember, in this part of the assignment, YOU are answering the questions as the character.  _____/20 pts.	You need at least 5 diary entries. It can be typed, double spaced (1 page=1 entry) or handwritten on loose-leaf or in composition notebook. Each entry should have "Deary Diary" as the heading.  _____/20 pts.	This must be done in the correct letter format. You need a heading to show who is receiving the letter and a signature to show who the letter is from. You can make up an address for your character if you'd like.  _____/15 pts.
Inside right flap has a short biography of the author (i.e. where and when they were born and grew up, where they went to college, other books they wrote, if they are married or have children, etc.). Should be at least 2 paragraphs.  _____/25 pts	Include an introduction paragraph to your interview to give the reader background information on your character. You may even want to include a brief summary of the book if that gives the reader more insight on the character.  _____/15 pts.	Incorporate the character's thoughts and feelings in a diary. Pretend you are in the story. If the story took place in a different time period, try to sound like you are writing in that time period.  _____/20 pts	You need to use specific examples from the story to explain your feelings about the book. For example, "I felt like you could have stood up to the evil villain more. Perhaps if you used your magic powers in this scene to stop him, the story might have had a better outcome"  _____/20 pts.

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<p>Back of the book has a brief summary of the story in your own words (at least one paragraph). Try not to spoil the ending!</p> <p>_____/20 pts.</p>	<p>Conclusion paragraph to wrap up your interview.</p> <p>_____/15 pts.</p>	<p>Include significant events and important details in the story.</p> <p>_____/15 pts.</p>	<p>Your letter needs to be 3 pages, double spaced, times 12 new roman font. Include page numbers in the top right corner.</p> <p>_____/20 pts.</p>
<p>Binding of the book has the title and the author.</p> <p>_____/5 pts.</p>	<p>Use examples from the story to provide support for your questions and responses.</p> <p>_____/20 pts.</p>	<p>Write the diary entries in sequential order (what happens first, second, then last) to show how the character has changed throughout the story.</p> <p>_____/15 pts.</p>	<p>Include significant events and important details in the story.</p> <p>_____/15 pts.</p>

## Grades 5 and 6

### Stratford Library Summer Reads

- Auxier—*The Night Gardener* (spooky)
- Berry—*The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place* (mystery)
- Booth—*Kinda Like Brothers* (fiction)
- Bradley—*The War That Saved My Life* (history fiction)
- ★ Buckingham—*Dead Boys* (horror)
- Bürgis—*Kat Incurrible* (fantasy)
- Calonita—*Flunked* (fantasy)
- Cotter—*Swallow* (spooky)
- Curtis—*The Baking Life of Amelie Day* (fiction)
- Dagg—*Sweet Home Alaska* (history fiction)
- ★ Gaiman—*Hansel & Gretel* (horror)
- Gutman—*Getting Air* (adventure)
- Harding—*Cuckoo Song* (horror)
- Lambert—*Family Game Night and Other Catastrophes* (fiction)
- Lupica—*Summer Ball*
- Mack—*Athlete vs. Mathlete* (sports)
- Matson—*Since You've Been Gone* (mystery)
- Montgomery—*Octopus Scientists* (nonfiction)
- Nielsen—*False Prince* (adventure)
- ★ Nobleman—*Boys of Steel* (nonfiction)
- Romero—*No Summit Out of Sight* (nonfiction)
- Sachar—*Fuzzy Mud* (mystery)
- ★ Smith—*Storm Runners* (adventure)
- ★ *Tommysaurus Rex* (graphic novel)
- Warren—*Orphan Train Rider* (nonfiction)

★ This title is a quick read!

Island of The Blue  
Dolphins,  
Indran and the Cupboard  
A wrinkle in time  
Schooled  
Chronicles of Narnia  
The Lightning Thief -  
Percy Jackson series.