

Rolling Hills Country Day School

Sixth Grade Summer Reading Assignment

English

Books can open new worlds and provide novel experiences to readers. Reading can help develop one's imagination and increase one's knowledge while expanding vocabulary as well as increasing composition skills. All sixth grade students are required to read *Holes* by Louis Sachar and *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen. There is a written assignment based on *Holes*. The assignment will be graded and is due on the first day of class. Please see the back of this sheet for the writing assignment on *Holes*. After returning in the fall, students will write an analytical essay based on *Holes*. There is no written assignment on *Hatchet*, but there will be a short quiz.

Thank you.

Mrs. Corette



Please complete the following assignment for Sachar's *Holes*. Before you begin reading, peruse the assignment so that you know what you need to focus on as you read.

If you own your own book you may wish to do the following:

Highlight certain words and phrases.

Take marginal notes.

Assignment: Make your answers **short** and **specific**. Please write complete sentences.

1. General Comment:

Give a short general comment on the book.

(Did you enjoy it? Why?)

2. Setting:

Note the setting. Did it have a major effect on the novel? Why?

(Consider geographical location and time)

3. Characters:

Describe the main characters. Limit the main characters to three or four.

(Consider their personality traits/hero or heroine/antagonist or protagonist)

4. Plot:

Define the conflict in terms of person versus person or person versus nature or person versus self. Was the resolution successful or unsuccessful? Why?

5. Theme:

What is the major idea or lesson a person might remember from the novel? For example: Good triumphs over evil.

6. Point of View:

Identify the voice of the novel.

First person participant – only sees what is happening

Third person participant – all knowing narrator

7. Author's Style:

Simple-word sentences

Sophisticated-word choice/literary devices – **give an example**

8. Recommendation:

Would you recommend this book? Why?