

TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mandatory Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 5

Instructions: Students must read one of the books from the list below and complete one of the projects. Projects are due no later than September 9, 2016.

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For the first time, McKinley's loyalties are torn. Should he stay with his humans and continue to lead the dogs of Steamboat Springs? Or should he join the wolf and live freely, like his ancestors did? When the wild calls, what will McKinley's answer be?

Free Baseball, Sue Corbett

Felix knows his dad was a famous baseball player in Cuba—and that his father risked everything to send Felix to America. But his mom won't reveal anything else. When a baseball team with Cuban players comes to town, Felix wonders if they knew his dad and sneaks into their locker room to ask. That's when the players mistake him for their new batboy. Determined to uncover the truth about his mysterious father, Felix plays along, going as far as running away from home to become the team's batboy. His bittersweet adventure glows with the friendship of a miraculous dog, the warmth of a mother's love, and the magic of baseball.

Summer Reading Project Choices

1. Interview a character from the novel. Create interview questions. Title it, "My Interview with ..." (Minimum of 6 questions).
2. Create a book cover for the novel.
3. Create a Venn diagram comparing/contrasting two characters from the book.
4. Create a comic strip explaining the basic plot of the book. You must create at least five pictures and include dialogue in each one.
5. Write a book review.
6. Give a "book talk" about the book. Follow the same guidelines for the book review.
7. Complete the study guide for the book you have chosen to read.
8. Summarize each chapter of the book. One paragraph per chapter, 3-5 sentences per chapter.
9. Continue the book by writing an extra chapter for it.

Book Cover Guidelines

Use these guidelines to help you complete summer reading activity # 2: Create a book cover for the novel.

- Include the title and author of the book.
- Include a saying of some kind that gives a hint of what the book might be about.
- Two quotes from literary critics or from your friends or family explaining why they think the book is worthwhile reading. You may have to research this or just simply get the quotes from people you know. Example: "Great book, I could not put it down!" Jimmy Smith, Linden Book Review. **(Please do not use this example).**
- Artwork/drawing that describes what the book is about. For example, a picture from a key scene from the book. You do not have to be a terrific artist. Try your best.
- **Everything should be spelled correctly.**

Book Review

(Complete All Three Pages)

Use these guidelines to help you complete summer reading activity # 5: Create a book cover for the novel. You may use the same guidelines if you are choosing activity # 6.

Title: _____

Author: _____

Main Characters: _____

Setting: _____

Reviewer's Opinions

Did the characters seem real? Pick one of them and write whether you liked him/her or disliked him/her. Cite examples from the book to support your opinion.

What was the most interesting part of the book? Why?

Give Five Reasons Why You Would or Would Not Recommend This Book:

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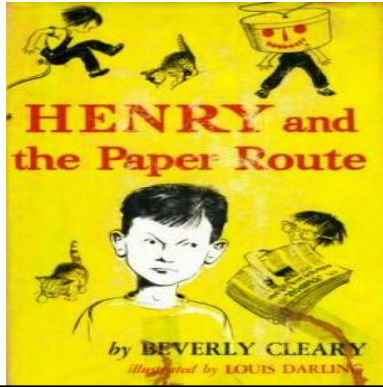
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STUDY GUIDE

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Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences using as much detail as possible. Bring this study guide with you to school on the first day.

1. What was the name of Henry's dog?

2. What was the name of the person in charge of all the paper routes in the town?

3. Where did Henry hide what he had bought at the rummage sale?

4. Where did Henry finally find a home for what he bought at the rummage sale?

5. Who was the person Scooter got to be his sub for the paper route?

6. What was the school trying to raise money to buy?

7. What was Henry's idea to help him win the fund raising event?

8. What was the name of the new boy who moved in just around the corner from Henry?

9. What was this new boy creating in his driveway?

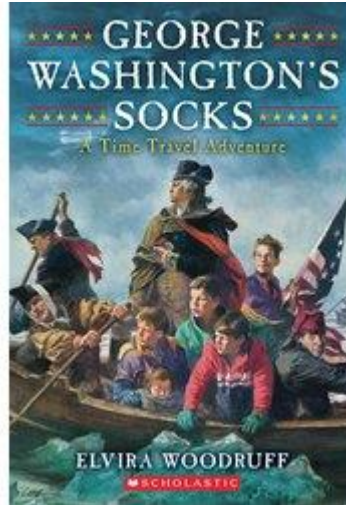
10. What is Henry's problem even though he finally gets his own paper route?

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1. Who were the five members of the club?

2. What happened to the children when they first climbed into the boat?

3. Who were the other people in the rescue boat when Katie was rescued from the ice flow?

4. Why did the Hessians fight for the British?

5. Who jumped out to come to Matt's aid when the two Indians pulled him off the mule?

6. Who saved the lives of Tony and Hooter?

7. Why did the Indians want Matt's shoes?

8. How did Matt find Katie?

9. What had George Washington given to Katie?

10. Who ended up with George Washington's socks?

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Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences using as much detail as possible. Bring this study guide with you to school on the first day.

1. What happened to Anna and Caleb's Mama? When did this happen?

2. Which characters are in the family? Who was Sarah Elisabeth Wheaton? Where was she from? What was her role in the story?

3. Who was "Seal" and how did she get her name?

4. What did Sarah love most? What did she love to do? What were her favorite colors?

5. How did Sarah describe both herself and her brother?

6. What did the family love to do that they no longer did? Who got them to do this once again?

7. What did Sarah learn how to do? What similarities did Sarah discover between her home and the family's home?

8. Who was Maggie? What did she and Sarah have in common? What did they share? What did they discuss?

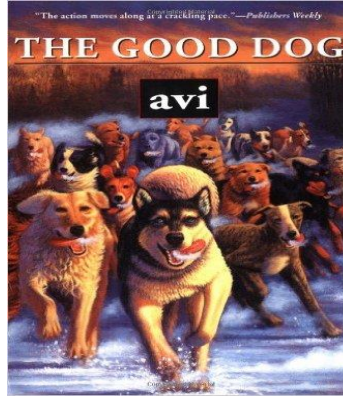
9. Throughout the story, Anna and Caleb wished for one thing. What did they desire the most? Because of this desire, why were Anna and Caleb so fearful that Sarah would not return after her trip to town?

10. At the end of the story, what was in the package that Sarah brought back from town? What did it represent? What purpose did it serve? What did this mean for Sarah's future and the family's future?

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1. What did Jack claim that he saw?

2. How many times did Duchess run away?

3. Where did Duchess hide?

4. Who gave Duchess away to the humans?

5. What was the wolf's name?

6. What food did McKinley take to help the wolf?

7. How did Lupin get hurt?

8. Where did McKinley find Lupin?

9. Where did McKinley hide the hurt wolf?

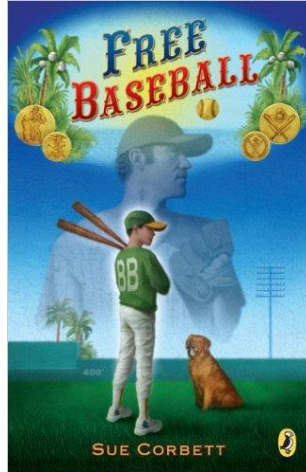
10. Who is the head dog at the end of the book?

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1. What was the real reason why Felix wanted to leave baseball practice early?

2. For which team did Felix's dad play baseball?

3. Who was going to take Felix to the baseball game?

4. Who was Felix accidentally mistaken for in the locker room?

5. What lie (on the phone) did Felix tell his mom?

6. Who is the baseball player that Felix helps with translating the English language?

7. What is the "BLUE REVIEW"?

8. What joke did the players play on Felix (It involved going to "All Sports")?

9. Who is the owner of the baseball team?

10. What job offer did Felix's mom receive from the baseball team?
