

6th Grade Summer Reading- 2024



Books:

Holes by Louis Sachar

The Transall Saga by Gary Paulsen

1. Students will read *Holes* and complete the plot diagram included on this document. Write neatly and use complete sentences. Students will write a book report. A guide on how to organize the book report is included in this document. Students will be able to use the diagram when taking the comprehensive test that will be given the first week of school. The Holes Plot Diagram will be collected by your literacy teacher.
2. Students will read *The Transall Saga* and record notes (on the included note-catcher document) to be used in conjunction with an in-class activity that will be completed the second week of school. The book's interesting setting will be used in the activity, so including setting information in your notes is important. Be sure to take notes on the setting, parts of the plot, the theme and descriptions of the main character. There is space for notes on each on the Transall Saga Note Catcher. This will be collected by your literacy teacher.

You may use the links below to access the book if they still are available when you attempt to access them. Copy and paste the links into your browser if they do not link from the PDF. If you are unable to access the full book online, you will be responsible to obtain a copy of the book on your own. We do have a limited number of hard copies at Meigs if you need a book to borrow. (Please note: to access the web version of Transall Saga, you must create a free account and then borrow the copy.)

Holes:

http://www.hayatschool.com/kuwait/articles/Holes_by_Louis_Sachar1.pdf

The Transall Saga:

http://archive.org/details/transallsaga00paul_0/page/n9/mode/2up

Background Information (Plot/Conflict):

Please click on the links below for a refresher on the elements of plot and types of conflict.

Elements of Plot (Plot Diagram):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zr1xLtSMMLo>

Types of Conflict:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tF6mA0vmA8>

Summer Reading Contract:

After reading this document, please click on the link below to sign the summer reading contract Google form. Signing this form states that you understand the assignments and will have the summer reading requirements completed by the start of school on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. This link will be available in May 2023.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEH06Y2KEdq37NKCKcTedxGyAJ2Sw60VDBzaryjD1jgGIW5Q/viewform>

<https://bit.ly/meigs6summerreading2024>

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<http://www.meigsacademicmagnet.org/summer-reading-2024.html>



Holes Book Report Format:

Setting/Character/Conflict:

1st paragraph- Write about the setting, (where and when the story takes place). Introduce the main character or characters in the story. Ex. What are the character's qualities, name, etc. Discuss what conflict/problem the main character faces in the story. If you're still having trouble starting, you can answer the questions who, what, when, where, and how.

Summary:

2nd paragraph- Summarize what happens in the rising action up until the climax of the story, (don't give away the ending, this should be just enough to tease the reader into wanting to read this book. Use some of these transition words to help you write your review.

first	also	because	another
second	between	next	as a result
third	finally	then	later
fast	after that	for example	during

Opinion:

3rd paragraph- Write a paragraph giving your opinion on the book. Use these guidelines. Write about why you like or dislike the book. Give details, for example: Was the book confusing? Was it too easy to read or too hard? Was it predictable/believable? Did you like the ending? What was your favorite part? What connections did you make with your life or other books? Talk about the author's style of writing and give examples from the book. This should be a minimum of five sentences.

Recommendation:

4th paragraph- Explain whether you would recommend this book to student or not? Rate the book from 1 star to 5 stars. Give examples of why you gave it the rating you did. Examples should include a quote or quotes from the book or a summary of the part of the book that you liked or did not like.

Name: _____ **Transall Saga Note Catcher**

Directions: Read *Transall Saga* and use this note catcher (both sides) to write down important information that you will be able to use in an assignment during the 2nd week of school.

1. Summary (bullet details that you will use to write an objective summary)

2. Setting (bullet details on one section of the book that you will illustrate)

3. Character (bullet details about the main character and how he changed throughout the novel)

4. Theme (bullet details that show the development of the theme - lesson author is teaching the reader- throughout the novel)

Plot Diagram for Holes

Climax: the most intense part of the story

p vs. person

p vs. society

p vs. self

p vs. nature

p vs. fate

Falling Action
How the conflicts were settled if they are settled

Rising Action

Conflict begins here
(person vs. person, person vs. society, person vs. self, person vs. nature, person vs. fate)

Resolution: the ending of the book

Exposition
Protagonist:
Antagonist:
Setting – Time:
Setting – Place:
Background information:

Author's Theme: What is the author trying to say to the reader?

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