

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Language Arts Summer Reading Assignment

This is only required if you requested advanced language arts.

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Step 1 – Read *The Keys to the Kingdom, Mister Monday* by Garth Nix

Step 2 – Be a Book Critic – follow the writing process to write a book review using the questions below to guide the content. Do not simply answer the questions with brief statements. Be specific by using examples and quotes from the novel.

Your answers should show evidence of thoughtful reflection and knowledge of *The Keys to the Kingdom, Mister Monday* by Garth Nix.

1. What do you see as the theme of the book? How does the book make you look at your own life and experiences in a different way? What lesson did you learn? OR what lesson was reinforced? Is it an important lesson? Why or why not? Quote the book where it shows this theme.
2. Which literary element do you think the author handled best – writing style, setting, characters, plot, climax, resolution or something else? Why? How? Quote from the book to illustrate.
3. Who was the main character? Do you have anything in common with this character? Use specific quotes from the book to support your ideas/opinions about the character.
4. In what ways do you think the book was “less than perfect”? If you were the writer, how would you fix those flaws? Quote from the book to show the problem.
5. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not? Quote either the best or the worst passage from the book to illustrate your point of view.

These questions should **serve as prewriting only**. Not all of these answers need to be included in your review, just the ones that matter to the main idea.

Step 3 – Draft a review with an introduction (include the title and author of the book, a very brief summary of the plot and your overall opinion), at least three body paragraphs supporting your opinion, and a conclusion (restate the title and author and your overall opinion of the book).

Step 4- Improve your review by choosing strong verbs and trying to avoid using the same word more than once in each paragraph. Include several direct quotes from the novel. Edit for spelling and grammar errors.

Step 5- Publish your review by printing it in 12 point font. Bring the PRINTED copy to class on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Please do not ask to use class time to print on the due date. Plan ahead and print before school or in Grizzly Time.

Your final product should read like a book review you might find on any bookseller’s website. It should contain **more of your opinion** with specific support from the novel than a summary of the plot.

**Enjoy reading and do your best to clearly communicate your true opinions, feelings, and reactions to the literature.**

