

# **Summer Reading 2021 Rising 7th Grade Students**

Each rising 7<sup>th</sup> grader will need to read and analyze a novel over the summer. Students may choose any book that is school and age appropriate. For a list of potential books check the Sunshine State Readers List for Grades 6-8 from 2019-2020 or 2020-2021.

Once the student has read the novel, they will need to answer a selection of the questions below. Students need to earn at least the minimum required points for their course placement.

Course Placement	Required Point Total
Standard	25
Advanced	35
Pre-IB	45

For example, a student in Advanced ELA for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade needs to earn at least 35 points. This student could answer three Level 4 questions (8 points each) and three Level 3 question (5 points each) for a total of 39 points. Or, the student could answer two Level 6 questions (15 points each) and one Level 3 question (5 points each) for a total of 35 points. You can use the point sheet at the end of the list to calculate your total points.

#### Level 1 Knowledge: (1 Point Each)

- 1. In a sentence, make a list of 10 facts you learned from the story.
- 2. List the three main characters and describe them.
- 3. What problems does one of the characters have, and how does he or she solve it?

#### Level 2 Comprehension: (3 Points Each)

- 1. Did anyone in the book do something that you did not like? Why?
- 2. What kind of book is this? List three evidences of this.
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- 4. What was the author's purpose or purposes in writing the book?
- 5. If you could continue the story, what events would you include? Why?
- 6. List five major events in the story in the correct order.
- 7. Tell in your own words the beginning of the book.
- 8. How did the main character feel during the book? Give evidence of this.
- 9. Tell in your own words how the setting of the story made it more interesting.

## Level 3 Application: (5 Points Each)

- 1. Did this book remind you of anything that has happened to you? What? Why
- 2. Did this book give you any new ideas about yourself? Why?
- 3. What lesson did you learn from the story?

- 4. List the places in the book that are important. Then make up a map including these places as you imagine they may look. It may be a city map or a country map or any other kind of map.
- 5. What changes would have to be made if the book occurred 200 years ago?

### Level 4 Analysis: (8 Points Each)

- 1. Pick one of the main characters. Think of a shape that fits that person's traits. Draw the shape. Then describe the character inside the shape.
- 2. Decide which parts of the book include the five W's (who, what, when, where, and why) and the H (how). Then write a good paragraph for a newspaper article including these facts.
- 3. Write a different ending to the book. Tell why you changed it.
- 4. In a good paragraph, summarize the plot of the story and identify the central idea (main idea).
- 5. In a well written paragraph or two, compare and contrast two of the characters in this book.

### Level 5 Evaluation: (10 Points Each)

- 1. Who do you think the author intended to read this book and why?
- 2. If you could only save one character from the book in the event of a disaster, which one would it be and why?
- 3. Which character in the book would you choose for a friend? Why?

#### Level 6 Synthesis: (15 Points Each)

- 1. What part would you change in the story, and why?
- 2. Write another short story using the same characters.
- 3. Design a poster that represents the theme, genre, and setting of the book.
- 4. Make an eight section comic strip with captions showing the main events of the story.
- 5. Choose an interesting character from your book. Think of what his/her dislikes are; then think of a gift you would like to give him/her. Design a greeting card to go along with the gift in which you explain why you gave that gift.
- 6. Identify one problem in the book and give an alternate solution that the author didn't suggest.

#### Point Sheet

Question Level	Points Per	Questions	Total
	Question	Answered	Points
Level 1 Knowledge	1 point		
Level 2 Comprehension	3 points		
Level 3 Application	5 points		
Level 4 Analysis	8 points		
Level 5 Evaluation	10 points		
Level 6 Synthesis	15 points		
		Total	
		Earned	