

Queen of Apostles Middle School Summer Reading Guidelines – 6th Grade

Please follow all guidelines carefully!

Students entering sixth grade have one required novel to read and one chosen from the list below. In addition, there is a project component for each of the two novels read.

PART 1

REQUIRED:

The Prince and the Pauper, Mark Twain

ASSIGNMENT: Choose **one** of the following essay topics and write a 4 – 5 paragraph essay.

- When one thinks of a pauper's life, one thinks of hardships. The pauper soon discovers that life of a prince also has many hardships. What were the hardships that the pauper had to overcome when he assumed the life of a prince? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

OR

- Be careful what you wish for. The grass isn't always greener on the other side. These are common sayings. How does *The Prince and the Pauper* fit both of these common sayings? Support your answer with text evidence.

PART 2

CHOOSE **ONE** OTHER NOVEL FROM THIS LIST:

- *White Water*, P.J. Petersen
- *Mr. Tucket*, Gary Paulsen
- *My Brother Sam is Dead*, James and Christopher Collier
- *Across Five Aprils*, Irene Hunt
- *April Morning*, Howard Fast
- *Old Yeller*, Fred Gipson
- *Yankee Doodle Boy*, Joseph Plumb Martin
- *Shackleton's Valiant Voyage*, Alfred Lansing
- *The Horse and His Boy*, C.S. Lewis
- *The Last Battle*, C.S. Lewis

ASSIGNMENT:

Create a promotional poster to advertise and promote the reading of **ONE** of the books you read.

Poster Requirements:

Size: standard poster board size

Layout:

- a. 100 word review (your opinion) of the book, typed and mounted
- b. Illustrations (your own drawings, computer generated, or cut from magazines)
- c. Title and author
- d. 100 word plot summary, typed and mounted

Suggestions to help make your poster interesting:

- Mount your review on a cutout of some object in the book.
- Use quotes from other people that have been written about the book.
- Use your own artwork and try to make some part of your poster 3D
- Use headlines at the top of your poster such as:
 - “Nothing to do? Why not read _____ by _____!”
 - “I dare you to read _____ by _____!”
 - “Want to travel and get away? Travel to _____ with _____ in _____, written by _____!”

BOTH PARTS ARE DUE THE FIRST WEEK OF THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR.