

## 2020 Summer Assignment for 6th Graders at the Founders Academy

Dear Future 6th grade English Students,

We are so excited for the school year ahead, and we hope that you have a safe and fun summer. In preparation for next year, we would like you to read one of the books on the following list and complete the assignments detailed below. These books need to be read, and the assignments completed, for the first day of school.

Thank you in advance,  
Your Future 2020-2021 English Teachers

- Sixth Graders
  - Sixth graders MUST pick one book off of any of the following lists to read.
  - Sixth graders must complete **TWO** of the assignments listed below to complete for the first day of school.

### **Accessible List:**

*Wringer* by Jerry Spinelli

*Bud, not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis

*Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech

*Matilda* by Roald Dahl

*Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix

*Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery* by Russell Freedman

*Geronimo: Apache Freedom Fighter* by Spring Hermann

*Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson

*The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt

### **Intermediate List:**

*The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare

*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou

*The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas

*Journey to the Center of the Earth* by Jules Verne

*The Adventures of Robin Hood* by Howard Pyle

*The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

*Life on the Mississippi* by Mark Twain

*Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift

*A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* by Mark Twain

*A Day No Pigs Would Die* by Robert Newton Peck  
*Red Scarf Girl* by Ji-li Jiang  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor  
*My Name is Asher Lev*, Chaim Potok

**Challenging Books:**

*Little Men* by Louisa May Alcott  
*The Hunchback of Notre Dame* by Victor Hugo  
*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte  
*Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson  
*Macbeth* by William Shakespeare  
*The Last of the Mohicans*, James Fenimore Cooper  
*It Can't Happen Here*, Sinclair Lewis  
*In the Time of the Butterflies*, Julia Alvarez  
*My Antonia*, Willa Cather

**Assignments:**

1. Create a poster on 8x11 paper advertising the book which depicts an important scene from the book. (Think of a movie poster.) Also include an important quote from the book. (These will probably be displayed in the hallways so make sure that they can be easily removed from your folder.)
2. Choose a character from the book and compare them to yourself. Are you alike or different? How so? Do you have the same beliefs, actions, or morals? Why or why not? (Must be at least 12 sentences.)
3. Write an epilogue to your book. Tell the story of what happens after the book finishes. (Must be at least one page, double spaced, and it must coincide with your book.)
4. Create a list of ten vocabulary words that you encounter in the chapter; look up the part of speech, the definition, and then use that word in your own sentence in a way the demonstrates your understanding of its meaning.
5. Copy down a TWO quotes from a character. Explain why you think they're important in the story. (Must be at least 12 sentences.)
6. Cast a character from your book. You need to explain in at least six sentences why this person would be a good fit for the character. You MUST mention the character's age, personality, and physicality. Print out a picture of your person to go with your analysis.
7. What is the main idea or theme of the story? Why do you think the author wrote it? (Must be at least 12 sentences.)