

**2020 Summer Reading
Assignment Students Entering
Grade 6**

June 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

This summer reading assignment is designed to encourage our students to read independently and to engage with text through a personal reading response.

Students are required to read **one (1) fictional reading book** and complete the **reading response graphic organizer below**. You are free to choose your own book. Please check with your local library if you need some suggestions. Have fun and find books that interest you!

For students who are reading below grade level, they may read their book of choice along with an audio device or along with an adult or older sibling.

For a second reading book, students are required to read Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt . Students need to complete the assigned reflection questions.

Please bring your two (2) completed reading assignments to Literacy class by

Bring your best work (if you choose to complete)! Enjoy your summer!

Respectfully,

The Grade 6 Literacy
Teachers

Summer Reading Personal Response Assignment

Name:

Directions: This graphic organizer will help you to personally respond to your summer reading book. While you read, you will be able to identify with the characters, themes, main ideas, and events. Below, use the guidelines in the left column to write your responses in the right column. You will submit the assignment to your literacy teacher by September 12, 2019.

Elements My Responses

**Title and
Author**

My Own Title Create
a new title and **explain**
in **two sentences** why
it is appropriate for the
story.

Theme Statement
Identify the author's
message. What is a
life lesson that you
learned from the
story? **Explain using**
three or four
sentences. (Ex.
Family is important.)

Characters Identify one
character trait that

describes one character in the novel and **explain using two examples from the text.**

Events Read the following three questions and respond in **at least two** complete sentences for each.

1. What was the major conflict in the story? How was it resolved?

Setting What was the setting (time and place) of the novel? Respond in a complete sentence.

2. What did you find was the most interesting, shocking, or surprising event in the book?

Personal Response
Explain whether or not you would recommend this book to a friend using **at least two** complete sentences.

Name: _____ Team: _____

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Part
1:

“ Everyone is smart in different ways. But if you judge a fish on its ability to climb a tree, it will spend its whole life thinking it’s stupid .” Albert Einstein

Explain what the above quote means and why you think the author chose it for part of the book's title. Provide 2 examples from the text to support your explanation. * *You may type your response, if you choose.*

Part
2:

Throughout the novel, there are many powerful sayings/quotes. After reading this novel, choose a saying/quote from the novel that stood out to you. Draw or choose a computer image that illustrates this quote. Be sure to add color! Then, explain what you think this saying means.

Quote

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Illustration

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Meaning

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