

Dear Sixth Grader,

I am so excited about starting the new school year with you in September 2022! Over the summer, I encourage you to continue reading, writing, and thinking. Reading through the summer helps you maintain reading stamina, and that's an important part of sixth grade. To help you focus some of your reading, I would like you to choose a book that you feel is a good fit for you. Try to choose something that is challenging but not too challenging; something that holds your interest. I've attached a list of good books that may help you choose something to read. (It is at the back of this packet!) I am including a list of good books, as well as a list of books to avoid reading as we will read them together this year (I'd love to have you experience the books with me in class- the ones we are reading in class have a line through them to help you avoid them). I just ask that your book be over 100 pages, and that it allows you to complete the attached project that we will display when we return in September. The completion of this project will serve as your first grade for ELA in sixth grade.

I am asking you to fill in a character "head" having chosen a character from a book that you can analyze. Follow the description on the sheet provided (a checklist). Make sure to fill it in completely with the requirements listed on the sheet and use color! We will display these when you return to school!

I hope you have a wonderful summer! Go outside and play, read a lot, and try at least one new thing. I'll see you in September.

Love,

Mrs. Brannen

If you have questions during the summer and need to contact us, our emails are:

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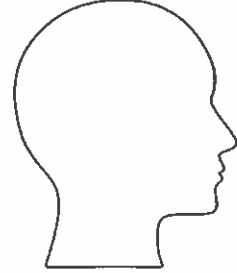
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Character Head Characterization Rubric

Choose one character and characterize him or her using the template provided.

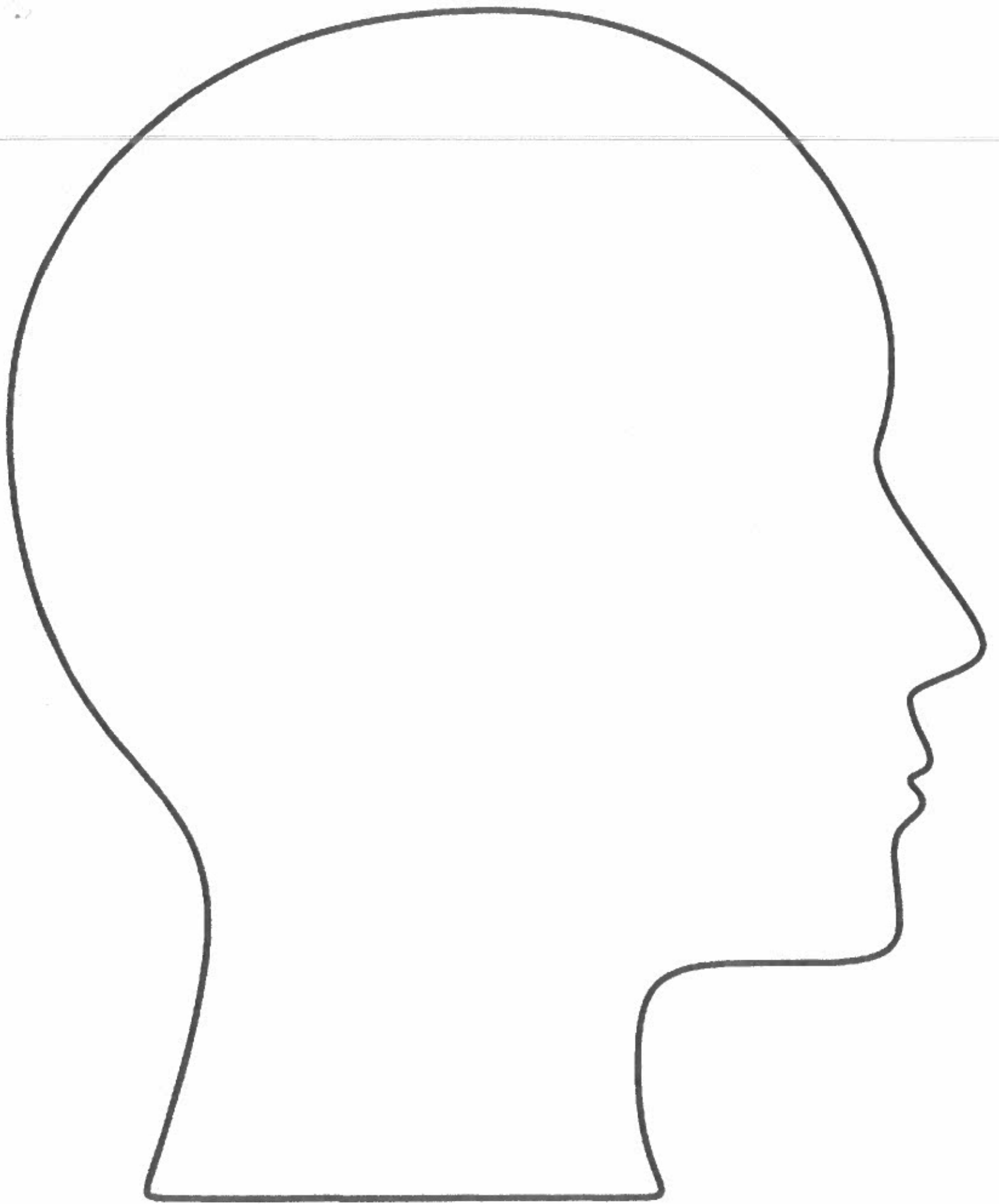
_____ POINTS AVAILABLE

Be Creative!



- _____ Character's name in large font.
- _____ Include one significant character quote.
- _____ Include two images relevant to the character (concrete or abstract).
- _____ Include three adjectives to describe the character.
- _____ Include the character's nickname in the story or one you create.
- _____ Briefly describe a turn point event involving the character.
- _____ Identify the character as either dynamic or static with a brief explanation of why.
- _____ Include the title of the novel or story, author, and genre.
- _____ Use an attractive color scheme with virtually no white space.
- _____ All text is legible, dark, and attractive. Final text is not written in pencil.
- _____ Head is securely glued to reinforced backing. (construction paper, cardstock, or poster board)
- _____ Head and backing are cut and trimmed neatly.
- _____ Error free in grammar, mechanics, and spelling.
- _____ Name, date, and class period on the back of the final product.
- _____ Attention to detail, high quality of work, unfolded without creases and crumples.
- _____ Quality of work reflects knowledge and understanding of character.

_____ POINTS EARNED



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Wonder (Wonder, #1)

by R.J. Palacio (shelved 5 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.39 — 941,416 ratings — published 2012

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A Wrinkle in Time (Time Quintet, #1)

by Madeleine L'Engle (shelved 4 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 3.99 — 1,123,011 ratings — published 1962

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The Giver (The Giver, #1)

by Lois Lowry (Goodreads Author) (shelved 4 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.13 — 2,120,187 ratings — published 1993

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Fever 1793 (Paperback)

by Laurie Halse Anderson (Goodreads Author) (shelved 4 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 3.92 — 117,500 ratings — published 2000

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The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson and the Olympians, #1)

by Rick Riordan (Goodreads Author) (shelved 4 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.28 — 2,467,257 ratings — published 2005

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Anne of Green Gables (Anne of Green Gables, #1)

by L.M. Montgomery (shelved 3 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.28 — 858,592 ratings — published 1908

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The Wishing Spell (The Land of Stories, #1)

by Chris Colfer (shelved 3 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.25 — 121,529 ratings — published 2012

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The Crossover (ebook)

by Kwame Alexander (shelved 3 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.26 — 51,242 ratings — published 2014

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Brown Girl Dreaming (Hardcover)

by Jacqueline Woodson (Goodreads Author) (shelved 3 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.14 — 80,576 ratings — published 2014

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The One and Only Ivan (Hardcover)

by Katherine Applegate (shelved 3 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.26 — 164,912 ratings — published 2012

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by Brian Selznick (shelved 3 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.21 — 176,397 ratings — published 2007

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Where the Red Fern Grows (Mass Market Paperback)

by Wilson Rawls (shelved 3 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.09 — 375,137 ratings — published 1961

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The Hunger Games (The Hunger Games, #1)

by Suzanne Collins (shelved 3 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.32 — 7,417,376 ratings — published 2008

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Smile (Smile, #1)

by Raina Telgemeier (Goodreads Author) (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.25 — 234,998 ratings — published 2009

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Between Shades of Gray (Hardcover)

by Ruta Sepetys (Goodreads Author) (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.36 — 204,353 ratings — published 2011

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The Life Cycle of a Koala (Paperback)

by Bobbie Kalman (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.60 — 5 ratings — published 1997

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Don't Know Much about the Kings and Queens of England (Hardcover)

by Kenneth C. Davis (Goodreads Author) (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)

avg rating 3.86 — 44 ratings — published 2002

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Swing it, Sunny (Sunny, #2)

by Jennifer L. Holm (Goodreads Author) (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)

avg rating 4.15 — 15,351 ratings — published 2017

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Real Friends (Real Friends, #1)

by Shannon Hale (Goodreads Author) (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)

avg rating 4.22 — 35,335 ratings — published 2017

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All Summer Long (Eagle Rock #1)

by Hope Larson (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 3.88 — 6,036 ratings — published 2018

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Ghost (Track, #1)

by Jason Reynolds (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.22 — 37,663 ratings — published 2016

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Things Not Seen (Things, #1)

by Andrew Clements (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 3.89 — 25,517 ratings — published 2002

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Fish in a Tree (Hardcover)

by Lynda Mullaly Hunt (Goodreads Author) (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)

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by Kwame Alexander (shelved 2 times as *6th-grade-reading*)
avg rating 4.19 — 16,826 ratings — published 2016

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Because of Mr. Terupt (Mr. Terupt, #1)
by Rob Buyea (shelved 2 times as *6th-grade-reading*)
avg rating 4.35 — 39,243 ratings — published 2010

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White Fang (Mass Market Paperback)
by Jack London (shelved 2 times as *6th-grade-reading*)
avg rating 4.00 — 172,241 ratings — published 1906

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Heidi (Paperback)

by Johanna Spyri (shelved 2 times as *6th-grade-reading*)
avg rating 4.01 — 186,558 ratings — published 1880

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A Christmas Carol (Paperback)
by Charles Dickens (shelved 2 times as *6th-grade-reading*)
avg rating 4.07 — 715,946 ratings — published 1843

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Treasure Island (Hardcover)
by Robert Louis Stevenson (shelved 2 times as *6th-grade-reading*)
avg rating 3.84 — 445,906 ratings — published 1883

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Amos Fortune, Free Man (Paperback)
by Elizabeth Yates (shelved 2 times as *6th-grade-reading*)
avg rating 3.89 — 9,558 ratings — published 1950

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The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963 (Paperback)
by Christopher Paul Curtis (shelved 2 times as *6th-grade-reading*)
avg rating 3.98 — 64,410 ratings — published 1995

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Out of My Mind (Hardcover)
by Sharon M. Draper (Goodreads Author) (shelved 2 times as *6th-grade-reading*)
avg rating 4.36 — 137,171 ratings — published 2010

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Breadcrumbs (Hardcover)
by Anne Ursu (Goodreads Author) (shelved 2 times as *6th-grade-reading*)
avg rating 3.75 — 12,088 ratings — published 2011

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The Secret Garden (Hardcover)
by Frances Hodgson Burnett (shelved 2 times as *6th-grade-reading*)
avg rating 4.14 — 1,034,412 ratings — published 1910

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Inside Out & Back Again (Hardcover)
by Thanhha Lai (Goodreads Author) (shelved 2 times as *6th-grade-reading*)
avg rating 4.12 — 54,561 ratings — published 2011

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Counting by 7s (Hardcover)

by Holly Goldberg Sloan (Goodreads Author) (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.16 – 71,229 ratings – published 2013

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When You Reach Me (Hardcover)

by Rebecca Stead (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.07 – 105,232 ratings – published 2009

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The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (Paperback)

by Mark Twain (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 3.92 – 850,403 ratings – published 1876

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Tuck Everlasting (Paperback)

by Natalie Babbitt (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 3.89 – 255,651 ratings – published 1975

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The Fault in Our Stars (Hardcover)

by John Green (Goodreads Author) (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.16 – 4,355,779 ratings – published 2012

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The Perks of Being a Wallflower (Paperback)

by Stephen Chbosky (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.22 – 1,519,298 ratings – published 1999

Want to Read

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Freak the Mighty (Freak The Mighty, #1)

by Rodman Philbrick (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.02 – 48,693 ratings – published 1993

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The Wright 3 (Chasing Vermeer, #2)

by Blue Balliett (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 3.91 – 9,583 ratings – published 2006

Want to Read

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Cracker!: The Best Dog in Vietnam (Hardcover)

by Cynthia Kadohata (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.27 – 6,249 ratings – published 2007

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Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (Harry Potter, #1)

by J.K. Rowling (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 4.48 – 8,565,419 ratings – published 1997

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Maniac Magee (Paperback)

by Jerry Spinelli (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 3.89 – 121,581 ratings – published 1990

Want to Read

Rate this book



Island of the Blue Dolphins (Kindle Edition)

by Scott O'Dell (shelved 2 times as 6th-grade-reading)
avg rating 3.85 – 315,792 ratings – published 1960

Want to Read

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Good books for 6th graders:

Books to **AVOID** this summer (we will read some of these this year in class): ☺

Realistic Fiction/Friendship:

Bridge to Home by T.V. Padma

The Family Under the Bridge by Natalie Savage Carlson

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Dystopian/Determination:

Dreambender by Ronald Kidd

Among the Hidden by Margaret Haddix

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Adventure/Survival:

Refugee by Alan Gratz

Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Michaelson

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Historical Fiction/Courage:

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

Contemporary Fiction/Empathy:

Bystander by James Preller

Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

Wonder R.J. Palacio

Words that may be unfamiliar when completing this project:

Images: pictures- drawn or cut out

Concrete: something that you can hold- a color, an object, a place

Abstract: something that you can imagine- a dream, a song, an idea (usually symbolic)

Adjectives: describing words

Turn Point Event: when something about the character shifts or changes- something happens to the character and they begin to change because of this event

Dynamic: One who learns a lesson or changes as a character

Static: One who stays the same throughout the story as a character- the environment may change but the character does not change (opposite of a dynamic character)

Color scheme: a variety of colors that look attractive and draw the reader's attention

Legible: I can read it! (You can type it and print it out and glue it down on the "head" as well!)

