Sixth Grade Summer Reading

Every student will be reading Holes by Louis Sachar and completing the comprehension questions that are attached. This will be due on August 8, the first day of school. Your answers should be written legibly and in complete sentences. Please be sure you fully answer each question.

In addition to reading Holes, you will read one other novel of your choice. You need to be certain that the book is age appropriate and on a middle school reading level. For example, Diary of a Wimpy Kid would not be a good choice. If you have any questions about what books would be appropriate, you may contact Miss Cathy Tiner at ctiner@tjajags.com.

While you are reading the book of your choice, you are going to complete a dialectical journal. You will chose one character from your book and develop a list of **20 character traits** that are shown in the novel. There is a list of sample character traits that you may use, but you are not limited to this list. There is a sample journal attached. Please be sure that your journal is handwritten and it is in complete sentences, written legibly. This will be due on the first day of school (August 8) as well.

Holes Comprehension Questions

Chapters 1-4

1. What is the worst thing that can happen to you at Camp Green Lake?

2. Why is Stanley going to Camp Green Lake?

3. When Stanley got arrested, who does he blame it on?

4. Why doesn't anyone ever run away from Camp Green Lake?

Chapters 5-6

1. What is the one rule at Camp Green Lake?

2. Why did Stanley get arrested?

3. Stanley didn't actually commit the crime he was arrested for. What really happened?

Chapter 7

1. Why does Mr. Pendanski say the boys are digging holes?

2. In this chapter, we learn about Stanley's Great-great-grandfather, Elya. He wants to marry Myra, but what does he need first?

3. How does Madame Zeroni help Elya?

4. What does Elya need to do in return? Does he remember to do it?

Chapters 8-10

1. What good thing happens to Stanley in the "Wreck" room?

2. What does Stanley find while digging his second hole?

3. Does Mr. Pendanski give Stanley the day off? Why?

Chapters 11-13

1. Why does X-Ray think he should get anything that the boys find?

2. What does Zero say he wants to do with his life? Do you think this is what he actually wants to do?

3. Stanley finds something else in his hole. What is it? What does he do with it?

Chapters 14-16

1. What is surprising about the Warden?

2. Does the Warden like the gold tube?

3. Why does Stanley dig the hole where he really found the tube into his memory?

Chapters 17-19

1. Why is the Warden getting angry?

2. What does Zero ask Stanley to teach him?

3. What does Magnet steal from Mr. Sir? Who gets blamed for it?

Chapters 20-23

1. What does the Warden do when Mr. Sir takes Stanley to her cabin?

2. What happens to Stanley's hole when he gets back from the Warden's office?

3. Stanley realizes he knows what the gold tube is. What is it, and who does he think it belonged to?

4. Who is Katherine Barlow?

Chapters 24-26

1. How does Mr. Sir punish Stanley for what happened to his face?

2. In the town of Green Lake, who did the people see when they got sick, and what was the cure?

3. Sam and Katherine fell in love. Why is this a problem?

4. What happens to Katherine after Sam dies?

Chapters 27-28

1. What is Zero's real name?

2. What is buried in the lake?

3. How does Kissin' Kate Barlow die?

Chapters 29-30

1. What does Stanley notice in the lightning?

2. Why do the boys from Tent D get in a fight?

3. What does Zero do after the fight?

Chapters 31-34

1. What do the Warden, Mr. Sir, and Mr. Pendanski decide to do after Zero runs away?

2. How does Stanley try to help Zero? Does it work?

3. Whose boat does Stanley find?

Chapters 35-37

1. How has Zero survived out on the lake?

2. Zero doesn't want to go back to Camp Green Lake. Where do they go instead?

3. How does Stanley know there must be water somewhere nearby?

Chapters 38-41

1. What food does Stanley find at the top of the mountain?

2. What does Zero confess to Stanley?

3. During the flashback, what does the reader learn about onions?

Chapters 42-43

1. Stanley asks Zero if he wants to dig one more hole. Why?

2. What was Zero's life like before he came to Camp Green Lake?

Chapters 44-46

1. Zero and Stanley start digging again. What do they find?

2. While Zero and Stanley are waiting in the hole, what are Mr. Sir, the Warden, and Mr. Pendanski talking about?

Chapters 47-48

1. Who arrives at Camp Green Lake while Stanley and Zero are in the hole, and what do they want?

2. Who does the suitcase belong to?

3. What happens to Zero when the lawyer looks for his records?

Chapters 49-50

1. Why didn't the lizards bite Stanley and Zero?

2. What does Stanley's father invent?

Sample Character Traits

able	courageous	gentle	mean	sharp
active	cowardly	giving	messy	short
adventurous	cross	glamorous	miserable	shy
affectionate	cruel	gloomy	mysterious	silly
afraid	curious	good	naughty	skillful
alert	dangerous	graceful	nervous	sly
ambitious	daring	grateful	nice	smart
angry	dark	greedy	noisy	sneaky
annoyed	decisive	grouchy	obedient	sorry
anxious	demanding	grumpy	obnoxious	spoiled
apologetic	dependable	guilty	old	stingy
arrogant	depressed	happy	peaceful	strange
attentive	determined	harsh	picky	strict
average	discouraged	hateful	pleasant	stubborn
bad	dishonest	healthy	polite	sweet
blue	disrespectful	helpful	poor	talented
bold	doubtful	honest	popular	tall
bored	dull	hopeful	positive	thankful
bossy	dutiful	hopeless	precise	thoughtful
brainy	eager	humorous	proper	thoughtless
brave	easygoing	ignorant	proud	tired
bright	efficient	imaginative	quick	tolerant
brilliant	embarrassed	impatient	quiet	touchy

busy
calm
careful
careless
cautious
charming
cheerful
childish
clever
clumsy
coarse
concerned
confident
confused
considerate
cooperative
encouraging
energetic
evil
excited
expert
fair
faithful
fearless
fierce
foolish
fortunate
foul
fresh
friendly
frustrated
funny
impolite
inconsiderate
independent
industrious
innocent
intelligent
jealous
kindly
lazy
leader
lively
lonely
loving
loyal
lucky
mature
rational
reliable
religious
responsible
restless
rich
rough
rowdy
rude
sad
safe
satisfied
scared
secretive
selfish
serious
trusting
trustworthy
unfriendly
unhappy
upset
useful
warm
weak
wicked
wise
worried
wrong

Dialectical Journal

Book Title:

Character:

Text (Page #)	Character Trait	Insight/Reaction/Question/Interpretation
Cite specific examples of challenges faced by a variety of characters. Include the page numbers		*Explain how the quote demonstrates the character traits. What does it establish about the character?*
"I wanted to follow her down into the darkness. I wanted to see the court of Poseidon. But I looked up at the sunset darkening on the surface. My friends were waiting. We had so little time…! Kicked upward toward the shore." (pg. 273)	Dependable	Percy is clearly being tempted by the possibly once in a lifetime chance to see Poseidon's Kingdom. Most kids would go and take a quick peak. Unlike most kids, Percy's friends can count on him to remember that they had things to do and they needed him to return.
