

Summer Reading Assignment for Incoming 5th Graders

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Students will read and annotate the selected novel and complete a one-pager to be submitted on the first day of school.

What is a One Pager? A One-Pager is a single-page response to what you are reading which connects the verbal and the visual. It is a way of displaying your unique understanding of the text in a creative way. It is a way to be brief and compressed in a world drowning in paper.

What to do:

On sheet of white paper (cardstock, computer paper, or similar), at least 8.5 X11 but not larger than 11 x 14, create a picture of words and drawings:

- Include the title of the novel, correctly punctuated, along with the author's name grouped together somewhere on your work.
- Select a quote from the story that is particularly meaningful to you. It can be something a character said, something the author described that stuck with you, or something that you relate to because you've experienced a similar event.
 - Remember that any writing that is not your own should be identified with quotation marks around them. Beneath the quote, identify the page number where the quote was found and the character speaking (if applicable).
- Identify three ways that following Christ helped or could have helped the protagonist(s) of the novel.
- Ask one meaningful question pertaining to the topic or theme in the novel.
- Answer your question with a complete sentence.
- Include a key on the back of the paper indicating what each color represents. This key should follow the same form used for a map.
- Use three images (hand-drawn) that create a visual focus on the information in you're reading. Points will be deducted for artwork that is not in color or is obviously sloppy.
- Write the different parts of the one-pager (quotes, Christ statements, question, and answer) each in different color for easy identification.

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Summer Reading Checklist

- I have annotated my novel.

One-Pager Checklist

- I have one meaningful quote from the story.
- I have identified a way following Christ helped or could have helped the protagonist(s) of the story.
- I have asked one meaningful question and answered it as I read the story.
- I have included the title of the book and the author's name somewhere on the page.
- My one-pager is colorful; my artwork is neat and has been executed to the best of my ability.
- I have used colored pencils, markers, or colored pens to create my drawings and write my information.
I did NOT use yellow to write any of my information.
- My work is in cursive.
- I have used unlined paper and utilized the entire page.

