



Middle School Summer Reading
Entering Grade 6

Summer Reading and Assignments

- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulson
 - A journal or diary is required for *Hatchet*. The directions for journaling are listed on page 2 of this document. The journal will count as one test grade.
 - A literature test based on *Hatchet* will be administered during the first week of the school year.
- One additional book (see list of additional suggestions)
 - A parent signature is required verifying the completion of the book. This will count as one homework grade.

English Summer Reading Verification Form

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

My child has read _____ by _____
for the English Summer Reading Requirement.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

This form is to be filled in and returned to your child's English teacher on the first day of school.



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Hatchet Activity Description

- Read *Hatchet* by Gary Paulson and create a personal journal or diary with **ten entries**.

Directions

1. Imagine you are Brian Robeson. After reading a chapter, make a journal or diary entry. Each entry should be from a different chapter, three to five sentences long, include a description or an event you think is important to him as well as what he thinks about the topic.
2. The entries should be written in the first person; *“I think I made a huge mistake by...”*
3. Six of the ten entries should have a hand drawn colored illustration that fills approximately one-half of the page along with a caption.
4. You may type the entries if you wish using Times New Roman size 12 font and black ink, or it may be handwritten as long as it is legible.
5. A cover page is required including the title of the book, the author’s name, your name, and an illustration you think is fitting for this novel. It should include color.

Sample Entry from chapter 1:

Today I did something I never imagined in my wildest dreams I would do. I actually flew a bush plane called a Cessna! All of my problems, my parents’ divorce and the “secret”, seemed to fade away as I stared at all the trees and lakes far below. Now I have a much bigger problem; I think my pilot may be dead!

Some Helpful Hints

- Use plain copy or construction paper.
- If you handwrite the entries, cursive is not required. Draw lines with a ruler to help keep your project neat and tidy.
- Use colored pencils or crayons when coloring your illustrations and cover. Markers will bleed through to the next page.
- Report jackets or plastic covers are not required. Simply staple the pages together in the upper left hand corner.
- Refer to the rubric often and please follow the directions.

Hatchet Summer Reading Project Rubric

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| 1. 10 separate entries 3-5 sentences long are present. | 50pts. |
| 2. Written in the first person using “I.” | 10pts. |
| 3. Six illustrations with captions are present. | 18pts. |
| 4. Each illustration contains at least 4 separate colors. | 12pts. |
| 5. Cover includes title, author, your name, and an illustration. | 8 pts. |
| 6. Spelling, grammar, and punctuation are correct. | 20pts. |



List of Additional Selections:

Easier Reading

Aiken, J.	Wolves of Wiloughby Chase
Avi	Poppy
	Captain Grey
	A Place Called Ugly
Bauer, M.	On My Honor
Brink, C.	Caddie Woodlawn
Butterworth, O.	The Enormous Egg
Byars, R.	The Summer of the Swans
Carlson, N.	The Family Under the Bridge
Cleaver, V.	Where the Lillies Bloom
Farley, W.	Black Stallion
Fast, H.	April Morning
Fleishman, S.	The Whipping Boy
Fritz, J.	The Cabin Faced West
George, J.	My Side of the Mountain
Giff, P.	Lily's Crossing
Hesse, K.	Out of the Dust
	Letters from Rifka
Konisburg, E.	From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
Krumgold, J.	Onion John
Langton, J.	The Fledgling
Latham, J.	Carry on Mr. Bowditch
Lewis, C.S.	Narnia Chronicles
Lowry, L.	Number the Stars
Montgomery, R.	Kildee House
Naylor, P.	Shiloh
Norton, P.	The Borrowers
O'Brien, R.	Mrs. Frisby & the Rats of Nimh
O'Dell, S.	Island of the Blue Dolphin
	Sarah Bishop
Patterson, K.	Bridge to Terebithia
Rawls, W.	Where the Red Fern Grows
Richter, C.	The Light in the Forest
Silverstein, S.	Light in the Attic
Speare, E.	The Witch of Blackbird Pond
White, E.B.	The Trumpet of the Swan
White, R.	Belle Prater's Boy
Woodruff, E.	The Orphan of Ellis Island

Other Reading

Adams, R.	Watership Down
Adamson, J.	Born Free
Alcorn, R.	Deadline
Alcott, L.	Little Woman
Ambrose, S.	Undaunted Courage
Armstrong, W.	Sounder
Asimov, I.	Fantastic Voyage
Auch, M.	Ashes of Roses
	Journey to Nowhere
	Frozen Summer
Birdsall, J.	The Penderwicks
Bryant, A.	Beacon Street Girls: Worst Enemies/Best Friends-Book 1
Burnett, F.	The Secret Garden
Burnford, S.	The Incredible Journey
Collier, J.	My Brother Sam is Dead
Cushman, K.	Catherine Called Birdy
DiCamillo, K.	The Tale of Despereaux
Dowdy, H.	Out of the Jaws of the Lion
Doyle, A.	Sherlock Holmes
Dygdard	Wilderness Peril
Elliott, E.	Through Gates of Splendor
Fischer, M.	Time of Storm
Flanagan, J.	The Ranger's Apprentice
Forbes, E.	Johnny Tremain
Fritz, J.	Homesick: My Own Story
Gaines, E.	The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman
Gantos, J.	Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key
Gilbreth, F.	Cheaper by the Dozen
Haddix, M.	Turnabout
Hafer, T.	Spirit of the Game (any novel)
Hale, S.	The Goose Girl
Hamilton, B.	Soul Surfer
Hautzig, E.	The Endless Steppe
Hesse, K.	Letters from Rifka
Hobbs, W.	Jason's Gold
Hunt, I.	Up the Road Slowly
Jacques, B.	Redwall series
Keith, H.	Rifles for Watie
Kelly, E.	The Trumpeter of Krakow
Kherdian, D.	The Road from Home
Kipling, R.	Jungle Book
Kjelgaard, J.	Big Red
Lahaye, T.	LEFT BEHIND series
Lawhead, S.	MERLIN series
Lenski, L.	Indian Captive
Levitin, S.	Journey to America
L'Engle, M.	Troubling A Star
	Many Waters
London, J.	White Fang
Lupica, M.	Travel Team

Marshall, C.	The Light and The Glory
	Christy
Matthews, L.S.	Fish
Mattas, C.	Code Name Kris
McCaffrey, A.	Dragonsong
McKinley	The Hero and the Crown
Meigs, C.	Invincible Louisa
Montgomery, R.	Anne of Green Gables
Morey, W.	Gentle Ben
Nixon, J.	Land of Hope
	Search for the Shadowman
	Rascal
North, S.	Streams to the River, River to the Sea
O'Dell, S.	Airborn
Oppel, K.	Skybreaker (sequel to Airborn)
	The Preacher's Boy
Patterson, K.	Tracker
Paulson, G.	This Present Darkness
Peretti, F.	A Stitch in Time
Rinaldi, A.	The Lightning Thief
Riordan, R.	The Boy Who Saved Baseball
Ritter, J.	Colin Powell
Roth, D.	Missing May
Rylant, C.	Slave Ship Captain
Scott, C.	Black Beauty
Sewell, A.	Upon the Head of a Goat
Siegal, A.	Call It Courage
Sperry, A.	Maniac Magee
Spinelli, J.	Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie
Sonnenblick, J.	The Red Pony
Steinbeck, J.	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
Taylor, M.	The Cay
Taylor, T.	In My Father's House
Ten Boom, C.	The Hiding Place
	The Prince and the Pauper
Twain, M.	Banner in the Sky
Ullman, J.	Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman?
Urdale, E.	Heir Apparent
VandeVilde, V.	Around the World in Eighty Days
Verne, J.	Adam of the Road
Vining, E.	Dickey's Song
Voigt, C.	Up From Slavery
Washington, B.	The Tower of Geburah
White, J.	Adam Canfield of The Slash
Winerip, M.	Shadow of the Bull
Wojciechowska, M.	The Swiss Family Robinson
Wyss, J.	Amos Fortune, Free Man
Yates, E.	Child of the Owl
Yep, L.	Dragon's Gate
	A Begonia for Miss Applebaum
Zindel, P.	