



Middle School Summer Reading  
Entering Grade 6

English Reading and Assignments

- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulson
  - A journal of lessons 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.

Bible Reading

- *Book of Proverbs, Holy Bible*
  - 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.

**Bible Summer Reading Verification Form**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has completed the Bible Summer Reading Requirement.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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### **Hatchet Activity Directions**

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

#### **Directions:**

1. Imagine you are Brian Robeson. Make a total of ten journal or diary entries. Each entry should be from a different chapter and must be 3 – 5 sentences long. Include a description or an event you think is important to him as well as what he thinks about the topic. You do NOT need an entry for all of the chapters.
2. The entries should be written in the first person; *“I think I made a huge mistake by...”*
3. Six of the ten entries must have a hand drawn colored illustration that fills approximately one-half of the page along with a caption.
4. Entries may be typed using Times New Roman, size 12 font and black ink, or they may be handwritten. Handwritten entries must be legible.
5. A cover page is required and must include the title of the book, the author’s name, your name, and a colored illustration fitting for this novel.

#### **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 is dead!*

#### **Some Helpful Hints**

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

#### **Hatchet Summer Reading Project Rubric**

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

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List of Additional Selections:

**Easier Reading**

Aiken, J.	Wolves of Wiloughby Chase
Anderson, L.	Fever 1793
Avi	Poppy
	Captain Grey
	A Place Called Ugly
Babbitt, N.	Tuck Everlasting
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

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**Other Reading**

Adams, R.	Watership Down
Adamson, J.	Born Free
Alcorn, R.	Deadline
Alcott, L.	Little Woman
Ambrose, S.	Undaunted Courage
Armstrong, W.	Souder
Asimov, I.	Fantastic Voyage
Auch, M.	Ashes of Roses
	Journey to Nowhere
	Frozen Summer
Birdsall, J.	The Penderwicks
Bryant, A.	Beacon Street Girls #1 book named
	Worst Enemies, Best Friends
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
Marshall, C.	Christy

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