

**HIGHLAND SCHOOL
2009 SUMMER READING
RISING SIXTH GRADE**

***The Book of Time*, by Guillaume Prevost - Required**

Choice Books: (Choose One)

Fiction:

- *Al Capone Does My Shirts*, by Gennifer Choldenko
- *Darkness Over Denmark*, by Ellen Levine
- *The Education of Little Tree*, by Forrest Carter
- *Here in Harlem*, by Walter Dean Myers
- *Holes*, by Louis Sachar
- *The Land of the Dead—Tales from the Odyssey*, by Mary Pope Osborne
- *Last Shot*, by John Feinstein
- *The Man Who Planted Trees*, by Jean Giono
- *Number The Stars*, by Lois Lowry
- *The View from Saturday*, by E.L. Konigsburg
- *Walk Two Moons*, by Sharon Creech
- *Watch For Me on the Mountain*, by Forrest Carter
- *A Wrinkle in Time*, by Madeleine L'Engle
- *Garden of the Purple Dragon* (Book 2 in the Dragon Keeper Trilogy), by Carol Wilkinson
- *Dragon Moon* (Book 3 in the Dragon Keeper Trilogy), by Carole Wilkinson
- *The Gate of Days: The Book of Time II*, by Guillaume Prevost

- Any one of the seven *Harry Potter* books, by J.K. Rowling

Nonfiction:

- *Blizzard: The Storm that Changed America*, by Jim Murphy
- *Jim Bridger*, by J. Cecil Alter
- *Growing Up in the Civil War*, by Duane Damon
- *Sacajawea: The Story of Bird Woman and the Lewis and Clark Expedition*, by Joseph Bruchac
- *The Saga of Hugh Glass: Pirate, Pawnee and Mountain Man*, by John Myers Myers (yes, it's Myers Myers—go figure)
- *They Cage the Animals at Night*, by Jennings Michael Burch

Assignments

Instructions—Required Reading

Answer each question from the sections labeled *Before*, *During* and *After* reading for the required novel, *The Book of Time*. Be sure to write or type (preferred) your answers **NEATLY in good, complete sentences**. Then, staple the pages together and place them inside a plain folder with your name clearly printed in the tab on top.

Bring the completed assignments to class on the first day of school. If handwritten, you may use a blue or black ink pen, but remember to write NEATLY and CLEARLY.

Before reading:

1. Think about the title of the book, the cover illustration or design, and the summary on the inside or back cover, and make a prediction as to what you think the book is about and what may happen in the book.
2. What kind of books do you typically like to read? Based on your answer above, do you think you will like reading this book? Why or why not?

During reading:

(If answering for a nonfiction book, see questions on next page.)

1. Using good, specific details describe the setting (or settings) of the book—where and when the story takes place.
2. Describe the main character. Tell who he or she is and tell what he or she is like—including what he or she looks like, how old he or she is and what he or she acts like. Give details from the book to support your ideas.
3. What kinds of problems or conflicts does the main character in the book experience? How does he or she cope with these problems? Explain.

After reading:

1. What part of the book was the most exciting or interesting? Give details to describe what happened at this point. Why was it exciting or interesting? Explain.
2. Did you like the ending of the book? When you finished the book, did you feel satisfied or happy about how it ended? Why or why not? Explain.

Instructions—Choice Book

Choose one book to read from the reading list. Answer one question from each of the sections labeled *Before*, *During* and *After* reading. You should answer three questions total. BE SURE that you answer the questions NEATLY in the same form as you used for *The Book of Time*, and clearly label your answers to indicate the book you are writing about.

During reading—Nonfiction:

For a nonfiction book, answer ONE of the following questions for your **During reading** response—do not answer either of the questions printed in the *During reading* section above.

1. What did the person about whom the book was written, or the person who is most important in the book, do that was worth writing about? Discuss in some detail.
2. What was the most difficult part of this person's experiences that are discussed in the book? Summarize his or her most difficult experiences and explain what happened.

Reminder: The summer reading and writing assignments are due the first day of school.

Happy Reading ! ☺