

SUMMER READING 2019 - Incoming GRADE 6

"Is truth stranger than fiction?"

This summer, you will read an autobiography written by prominent children's author Ralph Fletcher. As you read the autobiography, look at the elements that influenced the author's life experience. Can you relate to any of the author's experiences yourself?

You can find this book at Barnes & Noble or at your local library.

Author: **Ralph Fletcher**

Autobiography *Marshfield Dreams*

Lexile: 590

Summer Writing Assignment for *Marshfield Dreams*

Sixth Grade Summer Reading Response Questions

Answer the following questions *while* you are reading *Marshfield Dreams*. You may handwrite your thoughts on writing paper, or you may type your responses. Staple the pages when you are finished. This "journal" of reflective responses will be collected in September. Please do not answer ANY of the prompts before reading at least three to four chapters. Some responses may only be appropriate when you reach the end of the book.

The prompts below will help you to reflect on your thoughts *while reading*. There are no wrong answers. Take a risk and say what you are thinking.

Write a response to **ten** of the prompts below. You may use each response question only once.

Your responses must be written in complete sentences with details from the story to support your answer.

1. Most important or interesting character and why.
2. What is the setting? Why is the setting important to the story?
3. What do you know about the plot so far?
4. What questions would you ask the author if you could? List at least 3 questions.
5. What new or interesting words have you found? What do they mean?
6. Discuss what makes this a fiction or a non-fiction book.
7. Discuss why the title is a good choice or not.
8. What type of person would enjoy this book and why?
9. Would you recommend this book? Why or why not?
10. Finish this sentence: This book reminds me of..... (explain why).
11. Make a prediction about what will happen next and why.
12. Discuss a recommendation you have for the author.
13. Retell a part of the story in your own words.
14. Discuss the main event (climax) and what leads up to the main event.
15. Compare / contrast two characters in the book.
16. Give your book a rating 1---5 (1 being not so good and 5 being very good.) and discuss why you give this rating.

Each time you finish two or three chapters, stop to reflect on some of the prompts. Return to your journal and begin a written response. Pick anything that you feel you are able to write about at that time. Then close the journal and return to it after you read more of the book. Do not cram all the questions in at once. That is not a reflection.

Responses must be 5-7 sentences in length, informative, and written in complete sentences. A paragraph-sized response is appropriate versus just a sentence. For personal thoughts and reactions, there is no limit to the length.

After reading this autobiography, please answer the following questions in paragraph form.

1. How does an author tell his or her own story?
2. What character traits do you share with the author?
3. What emotions does this person make you feel?
4. If you could talk to the author, what question would you ask?

You will bring your prompts to class for the first day of school. Please staple them together. The completed pages will represent your first graded assignment for Literature. **I will collect them on the first day.**

Enjoy your reading experiences this summer! Take a journey with some new characters!

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