

Mrs. Offer

Grade 5

## Summer Reading Assignments

Students entering Grade 5 are required to read **TWO** books over the summer and complete the questions for each book. The **RACE** format should be followed in answering questions.

Restate the question.

Answer in complete sentences.

Cite evidence from the text.

Explain

You may write or type your answers. Assignments are due the first day of school.

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

**Have a wonderful summer!**

## Island of the Blue Dolphins Response Questions

1. Describe the setting of Island of the Blue Dolphins.
2. How does Karana become stranded on the Island of Blue Dolphins?
3. How has Karana changed in the story? How has Karana's feelings about killing animals changed? How has Karana's feelings about enemies changed?
4. What is the main theme of the book? What are the greatest dangers Karana faces, and how does she respond to them?
5. How is Karana rescued?
6. What role do the animals fill in Karana's life? Why does she heal them? Explain the situations of at least three animals, how she helps, and why you think she does this.

## Hatchet Writing Response Questions

1. Brian once had an English teacher who encouraged his students to “get motivated”. He told them, “You are your most valuable asset. Don’t forget that. You are the best thing you have.” How does this message give Brian courage when he is alone in the wilderness? Describe how Brian learns to depend on his own ingenuity.

2. Describe the ways Brian changed as a result of living for 54 days alone in the wilderness.