

Dumont Public Schools

Entry to English 6

Summer Reading Assignment

Due Date: Friday, September 14th, 2018

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

Dear Parent/Guardian:

It is hard to believe the end of the 2017-2018 school year is here. We are very proud of all of our students' accomplishments and the academic growth that they have made.

This year, students going into sixth grade in September will be reading *Hoot*, a novel by Carl Hiaasen. *Hoot* is a high interest, entertaining, and age-appropriate text. Please encourage your child to read additional books that he/she finds interesting and enjoyable. Research supports the fact that students who read over the summer return to school more likely to maintain or improve upon their reading skills. The most important thing is that students read, read, read!

Incoming sixth graders will complete a reading guide to accompany *Hoot* by **Friday, September 14th, 2018**. In the fall, students will also be working with ideas and themes directly related to the novel.

You may purchase this book on Amazon.com, or at the Barnes & Noble in Paramus or Hackensack; they have been notified of our summer reading assignments. Another option is to borrow/request the book through the public library system (BCCLS) allowing ample time for this request. Please contact your child's school if you would like to borrow a copy.

The sixth grade teachers are looking forward to working with you and your child next year. **Please return the page below to acknowledge your receipt of this assignment and have your child return it to his/her current language arts teacher by the end of the year.**

Enjoy your summer, and we will see you in September!

Sincerely,  
The Sixth Grade ELA Teachers

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Hoot*  
Reading Guide

1. A. What is the meaning of the word “nonchalantly” as it is used on page 96?
  - a. angrily
  - b. casually
  - c. bravely
  - d. happily
  
- B. What phrase from the text best supports the answer to part A?
  - a. “Roy sat up right away.”
  - B. “His head really hurt but he didn’t want anyone to know”
  - c. “He picked his comic book off the floor”
  - d. “placed it on his lap”
  
2. A. What is the meaning of the word “reluctance” as it is used on page 175?
  - a. frustration
  - b. excitement
  - c. unwillingness
  - d. confusion
  
- B. What phrase from the text best supports the answer to part A?
  - a. “He sympathized with the owl crusade.”
  - B. “Roy couldn’t bear the thought of facing his parents through jail bars if he and Mullet Fingers got caught.”
  - c. “It’s probably better if I don’t know.”
  - d. “My dad works for the government.”
  
3. A. How does Roy feel about finding Mullet Fingers?
  - a. nervous
  - b. angry
  - c. determined
  - d. intimidated

- B. Which statement from the text best supports your answer to part A?
- a. “Soon he gave up trying to locate an entry point and elbowed his way into the pepper trees, which scraped his arms and poked his cheeks.”
  - b. “He lost his balance and went sliding down a ditch that ran like a tunnel through the thicket.”
  - c. “There, in the shadows, the air was cool and earthy.”
  - d. “He almost leaped out of his sneakers when a voice spoke out from the thicket behind him.”

4. A. In the text it states, “They’ll be laughin’ like hyenas, only you won’t be around to hear ‘em.” What type of figurative language is being used in this sentence?

- a. hyperbole
- b. metaphor
- c. simile
- d. personification

- B. This language is used by the author to
- a. compare the way the students look to hyenas
  - b. show how hard the students will be laughing
  - c. illustrate that hyenas like to laugh
  - d. foreshadow what is to come next in the novel

5. Place the following events in chronological order:

- a. Roy met Beatrice
- b. Roy learned that the burrowing owls would lose their home if the Mother Paula’s Pancake House is built.
- c. The construction of Mother Paula’s Pancake House was stopped
- d. Roy followed Mullet Fingers and they became friends
- e. Roy moved from Montana to Florida

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

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Directions: Respond to each question by restating the question and using details from the text.

6. What did Roy do the night he learned his family would be moving to Florida, and why did he want to stay in Montana?

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7. How are Beatrice and the barefoot boy related? How do you know?

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8. What does Curly do to stop the vandalism?

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9. How does Roy get Dana to promise not to fight anymore?

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10. Why is the file Roy gives the reporter important?

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6th Grade Summer Reading Assignment (1 quiz grade)

“I understand the requirements of the summer assignment due on Friday, September 14th, 2018.”

Child’s Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Child’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Current ELA Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

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