

2016 -2017 Summer Reading Assignment

5th Grade

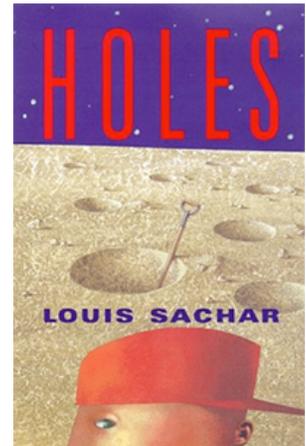
Suggested Reading for the Family: "What your Fifth Grader/ What your Fourth Grader needs to know"

Seven habits of happy kids/ Highly Effective Families

Fish! Philosophy books

Holes by Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnatses. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention center, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day digging holes exactly five feet wide and five feet deep. There is no lake at Camp Green Lake. But there are an awful lot of holes.



Locate the book at a bookstore, library, or online and read over the summer. Be prepared to discuss when you arrive in 5th grade!

Holes Assignment:

Holes has three stories interwoven: Elya Yelnats, Stanley's no-good-dirty-rotten-pigstealing-great-great-grandfather, who is cursed by the gipsy; the story of Kissin' Kate Barlow, a school teacher who became an outlaw; and Stanley's imprisonment at Camp Green Lake.

Make a timeline of the three different storylines, plotting the events on a chart and making note of where (and when) they cross over. You must have AT LEAST 10 events from the storylines; draw pictures to illustrate the events.

In addition, write a paragraph explaining WHY you think the author chose to write the book in this way. Pay attention to spelling and grammar. Attach the paragraph to the timeline.

Due August 8th

Want additional reading? Here are some suggestions:

Fiction

The Wright 3 by Blue Balliett

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat by Lynne Jonnell

The Year of the Dog by Grace Lin

Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick

Hoot by Carl Hiassen

Alex Rider (series) by Anthony Horowitz

Non Fiction

Ballpark: The Story of America's Baseball Fields by Lynn Curlee

Spy School by Adrian Gilbert

Shipwrecked!: The True Adventures of a Japanese Boy by Rhoda Blumberg

Classics

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Old Yeller by Fred Gipson

The Call of the Wild by Jack London