



## Shorashim 6th Grade Summer Reading Program

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**Directions:** Return this completed form to **Mr. Magyar** on the first day of school.

- Read *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt.
- Complete the Summer Reading Questionnaire (attached) for *Fish in a Tree* and submit on the first day of school.
- Read a second book of your choice. I have listed suggestions of grade appropriate books to this packet.
- Write/type a 3 paragraph essay about the second book, which you chose. (directions attached).
- Read additional books of your choosing (optional but encouraged). Keep track of the grade level books you read over the summer. **Each book will earn you a raffle ticket in our Summer Reading Drawing!**
- Have your parent(s) sign and comment below.

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** Shorashim Academy believes that one of the most important habits to develop as an educated person is a love of reading; therefore, we feel it is vital for students to continue reading throughout the summer. In addition to the required summer reading of two books, we encourage students to read other books that simply interest them. If they like sports, read books on sports; if they like mysteries, read mysteries. What is most important is that our students read. Please encourage your child to read at least 30 minutes each day. Students will be expected to discuss their summer reading when school begins in August. Have a wonderful summer!

Additional book(s) read this summer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature/comments**

My child read the above book(s) this summer: \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

Please feel free to communicate below any observations or concerns you may have about your child as he or she completed his or her summer reading.

### **Summer Reading Questionnaire**

**DIRECTIONS:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Be as specific as you can (even listing the page numbers and/or citing the text). Make sure you answer all parts of each question and develop your ideas fully. **This assignment will count toward your grade at Shorashim Academy.** It is due on the first day of school along with the front page of this packet.

1. First and last name here:

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2. What is the full title, author, and first publication date of the book?

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3. What did you expect when you sat down to read this book? Did it live up to your expectations? Why or why not?

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4. What is the LESSON that you are taking away from this book? What will you remember most about this book?

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5. Choose a MINOR CHARACTER in the book. Describe his or her physical appearance and personality. What is his or her role or purpose in the story?

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6. What is the SETTING of the book? In other words, when and where does the story take place? Please give detailed descriptions.

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7. Think about the MAIN CHARACTER. What three adjectives would you use to describe him or her? Explain why.

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8. What are THREE OBSTACLES that the main character faces in the book? How does the main character deal with and/or overcome those obstacles?

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9. Describe, in detail, your favorite or least favorite moment of the PLOT. Explain why it is your favorite or least favorite moment.

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10. How would you rate this book out of five stars? What is your reason for this rating? Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

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### **Three Paragraph Essay**

**DIRECTIONS:** Please write or type a three paragraph essay about the book you chose to read. The **first paragraph** should introduce the book, explain the characters, setting, plot, problems and any details someone would need to know if they never read the book before. Think of the first paragraph as a summary of the novel. The **second paragraph** should specifically talk about a lesson or lessons learned from the book. What was the author trying to teach the reader? How can you conclude that these are the lessons being portrayed in the book? Please use examples from the novel to justify your response. The **third paragraph** should wrap up your thoughts of the novel. Did you enjoy reading it? Why or why not? Please provide details as you explain your liking or disliking of the novel. If you could change one thing in the novel, what would you change and why?

**Suggested Summer Reading List**

*My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George \_\_\_\_\_

*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell \_\_\_\_\_

*The Great Good Thing* by Roderick Townley \_\_\_\_\_

*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls \_\_\_\_\_

*Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson \_\_\_\_\_

*The Story of My Life* by Helen Keller \_\_\_\_\_

*Souder* by Fred Gipson \_\_\_\_\_

*Restart* by Gordan Korman \_\_\_\_\_

*Eleven* by Tom Rogers \_\_\_\_\_

Title	Author	Date Completed

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