



SUMMER READING

(For students who have completed Grade 6)

Students who have completed grade 6 are to read two books this summer. ALL students are required to read the book **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**. The Literature teacher will assess the student's comprehension/knowledge of the assigned novel when the students return to school in August. Students are to complete one of the projects described on the attached page.

Students are also required to read one other book of their choice selected from the list below. Parents need to verify that the student has completed these assignments by signing the attached form.

****Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Mildred Taylor **** (Required Reading)

Julie of the Wolves – Jean Craighead George (challenging)

My Brother Sam is Dead – James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier (challenging)

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler – E.L. Konigsburg (average)

Wednesday Wars – Gary Schmidt (average)

Number the Stars – Lois Lowry (average)

The Shakespeare Stealer – Gary L. Blackwood (average)

The Witch of Blackbird Pond – Elizabeth George Speare (average)

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle – Avi (average)

A Single Shard – Linda Sue Park (average)

Walk Two Moons – Creech (easy)

Loser – Jerry Spinelli (easy)

***SUGGESTED RESOURCE for review of all subject areas: *Summer Bridges*, 6th grade to 7th grade)

Students are required to complete **one** of the three assignments after they read the novel Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry.

1. The book Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry was written for older students. Write a picture-story version of this book for younger children – 4th / 5th grade level. The book must have 15-20 pages each page having text and a picture that illustrates the accompanying text. Computer graphics are acceptable. Be sure to include the main events of the novel. Create a cover for your version of the novel. The cover must have the title of the novel, the author, as well as your name and an illustration. Neatness counts!



2. Create a game for the novel Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry. The game may be based on any of the traditional boxed games or current game shows on TV. Be sure that your game requires the players to answer questions about the novel. At least forty questions should be prepared. Answers should be available for the players/teachers. The questions should cover major events and characters. The game must be playable. Assessment will be based on its successful use in the classroom. Neatness counts!



3. In newspaper format, write/design a paper edition covering the events in the novel Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry. Name your newspaper and date it according to the time period in the novel. Write a **cover story** about an important event in the story. Don't forget to use a catchy headline. Include **two other stories** in your newspaper about other events that happened in the novel. Then, write an **editorial** about one of the events. An editorial expresses the opinion of the author about an event. You may include pictures, ads or cartoons in your newspaper, but remember they must fit the time period. Neatness counts!



Students Name: _____

I have read Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, by Mildred Taylor.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

I have read (title) _____

by (author) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____