

Dear 6th Graders,

This summer, please read at least two (2) books of your choice. These books should be at your reading level or higher. Before choosing your books, look at the two assignments attached so that you can adapt your book choices to the activities.

One assignment is to complete a scavenger hunt, searching for different moments in your book.

The second assignment asks you to reflect on your reading, and describe important elements of the book you have chosen.

I'm so excited to get to know you during this upcoming school year! Have an awesome summer, and I can't wait to meet you.

Love,

Ms. Marcinkowski

## Assignment 1: Scavenger Hunt

Directions: As you read one of your independent reading books, complete the table below. Your descriptions can be a sentence or two--they don't have to be long. Make sure that your examples come from throughout the entire book! Then, answer the questions, using complete sentences.

## Book Title:

Author:

| Write down... | Pg. \# | Description of the <br> moment: |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A moment that makes you <br> laugh! |  |  |
| A moment that makes you <br> sad |  |  |
| A moment that makes you <br> angry |  |  |
| An exciting moment |  |  |
| A quote from a section of <br> the book that you would <br> change |  |  |
| A quote from your favorite <br> part of the book |  |  |

Then, attach a separate sheet of paper so that you have enough space, and, in complete sentences, answer the questions on the back of this sheet. :)

1. Give the names of the main characters and a brief description of each (age, personality, physical description, and relationships to other characters).
2. Where is the story set (time period and location)? How does the setting impact the story?
3. What is the main problem in the book, and how is it resolved?
4. What did you think of the ending, and why? If you expected the story to end the way it did, how could you tell? If you didn't like the ending, how would you have changed it?

## Assignment 2: Making Connections

Directions: As you read one of your independent reading books, complete the following questions in a well-written paragraph. This assignment should be done using a different book than assignment 1 . Use a separate sheet of paper, and write in complete sentences.

## Book Title:

Author:

1. Why did you choose this book? What did you think of it, and why?
2. Genre: Highlight or circle any of the words below that apply to your book:

History Adventure Fiction Nonfiction Mystery Horror Science Fiction
3. Have you experienced similar problems as the main character? How did you handle them? How does the main character handle them?
4. How would you react if you were in the main character's place?
5. Write an alternate ending for your book, or a scene that happens after the book ends. This must be at least one complete paragraph ( $4-5$ sentences).
6. List 5 vocabulary words you did not know. Include the page number on which the word is found, and use context clues to help you figure out the definition.

