

7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Aloha, bonjour, hej, terve, guten tag and hello! I hope you are having a fun and restful summer. I want to introduce your summer assignment for reading as an upcoming 7th grader. I will require that everyone read Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis, the author of Bud, Not Buddy. (I bought my copy at Half Price Books in the Newbery Award section.) The dialect in this book is not easy but is definitely worth the patience to get to the wonderful ending.

You will have two assignments to go along with your summer reading assignment. Each of you will write an epilogue to the story. Here is a great definition of an epilogue (or afterword):

“An epilogue is a final chapter at the end of a story that often serves to reveal the fates of the characters. Some epilogues may feature scenes only tangentially related to the subject of the story. They can be used to hint at a sequel or wrap up all the loose ends. They can occur at a significant period of time after the main plot has ended. In some cases, the epilogue has been used to allow the main character a chance to ‘speak freely.’” An epilogue can also be described as- “what happens after the story ends.”

1. I will require you to creatively write an epilogue that you think would suit the ending of this amazing story. It should be a one page type paper in any font, but a font size should be 14. You will describe the afterword of the characters and what happened in some of the places. This will also give me an idea where you are as a writer.

2. You will get to choose ONE of the following activities to turn in WITH your epilogue:

* Make a VERY detailed and colored drawing of a scene from the book. This must be done on 8 ½ x 11 computer paper and mounted on black construction paper. The construction paper may be obtained from me on the first day of school. Attach an index card to the back containing a short description of the scene in complete sentences.

OR

* Write a poem about the main idea of the story. The poem must be at least 12 lines long and may follow any poem style. Look up different poem styles on the internet for creative ways to present your words. This must be typed.

* Use an 8 1/2 x11 size piece of computer paper and fold it into 8 squares. Draw a cartoon depicting a scene from the book. Make sure every square has quality pictures and speech bubbles depicting the scene. Your audience should be able to clearly recognize the scene you are recreating. Mount this on black construction paper that may be obtained from me on the first day of school.

***Bonus-(optional, but worth 5 extra bonus points)-** On a 3x5 index card, write one scripture from the Bible that could help your character with his/her problem. Put your name in the top left-hand corner.

These two assignments will be due Monday, August 15th. Notice this is NOT the first day of school. I do encourage you to start reading right away so you enjoy the book and are not pressed for time at the beginning of school.

Have a great summer and I will look forward to seeing you in August!

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Wolfgang