

Holy Spirit Preparatory School



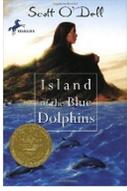
2019 Summer Reading Packet 6th Grade

Our goal is for the HSP student to be introduced to a wide breadth of classical and contemporary books both in the classroom and over the summer. In addition, we hope to foster a habit of and love for reading, and with that goal in mind, we want to provide students an opportunity to explore their interests and choose a book that appeals to them. Therefore, **in addition to reading one book chosen by the English department, students may select a second fiction or nonfiction book to read independently.** Please read the following pages for information about the titles and assignments, and feel free to contact Mrs. Messer at emesser@holyspiritprep.org with any questions or concerns.

Note: All summer reading assignments are due on August 27th.

*A book is a gift you can
open again and again.
—Garrison Keillor*

Book One



Please read *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by: Scott O'Dell ((ISBN:0-395-06962-9)

Assignment: Prior to beginning the novel, read the following questions and prompts as you will need to complete some while you read. Please type all of your responses in a Google document, titling it *Island of the Blue Dolphins Response* and share it with me at emesser@holyspiritprep.org no later than midnight on Tuesday, August 27th.

While Reading:

1. Highlight important quotes that illustrate Karana's Journey.
2. Make a list or chart of important characters and in note form, **identify their role(s) in Karana's life.**

Character	Notes

After Reading:

3. In a chart, choose five quotes you highlighted that **best** illustrate Karana's transformation, record them in a chart like the one below, and make notes explaining what the quote specifically reveals. Remember, the goal is to show Karana's transformation, so your notes should focus on that idea.

Quote	Page Number	Notes

Book Two



YouChoose



As a part of our new summer reading program, the English department wants to encourage you to explore your interests through reading by *choosing* a fiction or literary nonfiction work that appeals to you! After reading the text you selected, you will also *choose* one of the following assignments to complete in order to *share* your understanding of and opinions about your selected text. This assignment should be typed, printed, and submitted by Tuesday, August 27th when you will *share* your ideas and opinions in a class discussion. We hope you will *subscribe* to our new approach to summer reading by *choosing* a book that truly inspires you to *share* in our love for reading!

If you have trouble selecting a book on your own and do not know where to start, feel free to browse our list of suggested books, which can be found on the website. Additionally, please make sure to include the Lexile number of your selection to ensure you are reading on your level.

To help you make a good first impression on your English teacher in the fall and show you how best to *share* your thoughts, we have included a rubric in this packet. MLA format is also required.

YouChoose: Written Component

Option 1: Create a typed book review of the text you read as if you are a critic writing for a website or publication such as “goodreads.com”. Make sure you use textual evidence (quotations, specific examples, and page numbers) to show your readers you are well-informed in your review. A thorough review will answer all of the following questions with at least one paragraph (5-7 sentences) for each bullet point:

- Plot: What is this book about? What happened? Is it fun to read? Why or why not?
- Characters: Who are they? Do you like them? How did they make you feel?

- Your Opinion: Did you like the book? What was your favorite part and why? Were there any funny or scary parts? Did you learn anything?
- Age/Interests: What age do you think this book is suitable for? Who might enjoy this book most?
- Recommend: Would you recommend this book to other people? Why or why not?

Option 2: Write a short but well-developed narrative choosing one of the following story revisions:

1. Add yourself as a character and develop a plotline where you participate in the story.
2. Change the original ending creating your own resolution to the plot.
3. Add a chapter narrating events that could take place before, after or in the middle of the story.

The narrative should make sense within the context of the story and its themes, and it should be a minimum of one page typed double-spaced.

Option 3: Identify the character whom you feel changed the most throughout the story. Explain the changes (physical, emotional, mental, and/or spiritual) as well as the causes and effects of those changes. The response should be a minimum of one page typed.

Option 4: Choose 5 sentence starters listed below, and write a well-developed paragraph (5-7 sentences) response for each. Each response should include at least one specific textual reference that is properly cited.

I noticed... I wonder... I was reminded of... I think... I'm surprised that...

I realized... I'd like to know... I'm not sure... If I were... Although it seems...

If _____, then _____.

YouChoose Reading Selection

Please type your name and your desired selection below. When submitting the summer reading assignment, please make sure to include this document.

Student's name

Title of the Book

Author

Lexile number

YouChoose Assignment Rubric

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Comprehension 15 points	The response demonstrates a deep understanding of the text, its characters, and its themes through the use of insightful details and examples.	The response demonstrates a complete understanding of the text, its characters, and its themes and includes some important details and examples.	The response demonstrates a basic or superficial understanding of the text, its characters, and its themes with some flaws.	The response shows a flawed understanding of the text, its characters, and its themes.
Components 15 points	The response contains all required elements of the prompt.	The response contains all major components of the prompt but is missing 2-3 minor elements.	The response contains at least half of the major requirements of the prompt.	The response does not meet the requirements of the prompt.
Style/Mechanics 10 points	The response demonstrates a mastery of conventions and style, sophisticated word choice, and sentence fluency; there are no grammatical errors.	The response demonstrates a solid grasp of conventions and style, appropriate word choice, and sentence fluency; there are minimal grammatical errors that do not distract.	The response demonstrates an adequate knowledge of conventions and style and uses basic word choice and sentence fluency; there are many minor or a few distracting grammatical errors.	The response demonstrates a lack of mastery of conventions and style and contains inappropriate word choice, poor sentence fluency, and pervasive grammatical errors.
Presentation/ Effort 10 points	The response reflects extra effort on the student's behalf in terms of neatness, adherence to MLA, and overall presentation.	The response reflects good effort in terms of neatness, adherence to MLA, and overall presentation.	The response reflects some effort but appears rushed or sloppy.	The response reflects little effort.