

Everett Public Schools 2011



Summer Reading

For Children Entering

Grade 6

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Lloyd Alexander	Karl Hiaason
Avi	E.L. Konigsburg
Natalie Babbitt	Kathryn Lasky
Bruce Brooks	Gail Levine
James Collier	Janet Taylor Lisle
Susan Cooper	Norton Juster
Robert Cormier	Linda Sue Park
Sharon Creech	Gary Paulsen
Christopher Paul Curtis	Richard Peck
Karen Cushman	Cynthia Rylant
Russell Freedman	Louis Sachar
Jack Gantos	Gary Soto
Jean Craighead George	Mildred Taylor
Mary Downing Hahn	Jacqueline Woodson
Virginia Hamilton	Jane Yolen

Massachusetts English Language Arts Curriculum Framework June 2001

**Selections by these authors are available at both the Parlin
and Shute Libraries
and
Barnes & Noble in Peabody, Saugus, and Burlington**

Reading Assignment:

Read at least three selections from three different authors on the list.

Writing Assignment:

1. From each book, identify and select one character who you think is a hero.
2. Complete a "character map" for each character.
3. Choose your two favorite heroes and complete the "venn diagram" to compare and contrast their qualities.
4. Using the information you placed in the "venn diagram", write three paragraphs (3-5 sentences per paragraph) about your heroes.
 - a. In the first paragraph, explain how they are similar.
 - b. In the second paragraph, explain how they differ.
 - c. In the third paragraph, tell which one was your favorite and explain why.

You may return your assignment on the first day of school.

Extra credit will be awarded for extra assignments.

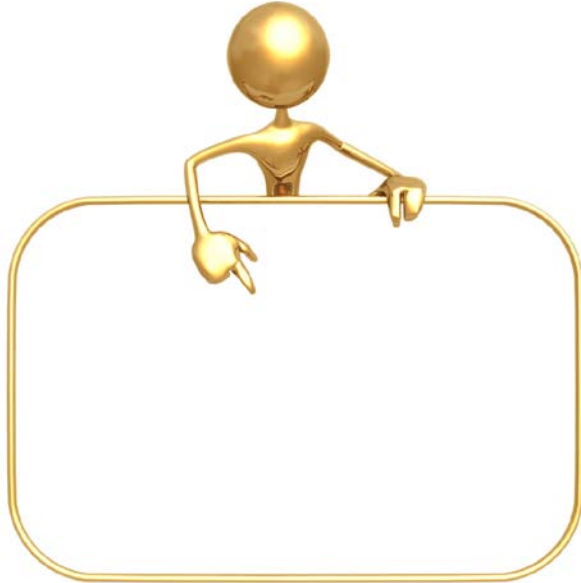
Character Map for Grade 6 Assignment

Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

Character



Explain what surprising new information you learned about this person.

What qualities about this character do you most admire? Why?

If you could meet this character, what would you say to or ask him or her?

Why is this character a hero?

Name: _____

Grade: _____

