

Corpus Christi Catholic School
Summer Reading Assignment: Eighth grade

Choose between either of the following books and assignments:

1. *The Boy on the Wooden Box* by Leon Leyson
2. *Echo* by Pam Munoz

Echo

Fate essay

- 1.5-2 pages typed
- 12 font
- Arial or Times New Roman font
- Double Spaced
- Write the title and author in the first paragraph
- Must have a thesis statement
- Should follow the five paragraph structure
- Must have direct quotes from the novel as supporting evidence

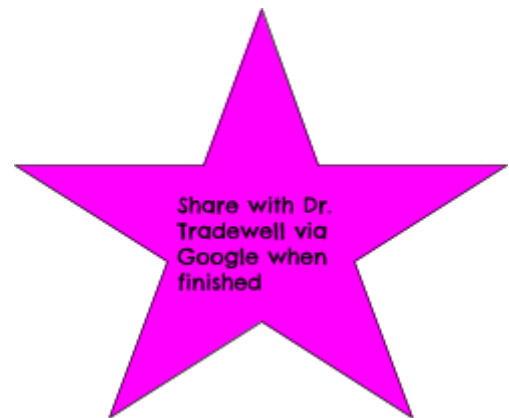


Prompt: How does the harmonica play a role in the journeys of Friedrich, Mike, and Ivy? What is the reason that they each pass the harmonica along? How did you feel when they sent or gave it away? Compare the lives of Friedrich, Mike, and Ivy. How are their challenges similar and how are they different? How do Friedrich, Mike, and Ivy show great bravery? Discuss a time you were brave. Did someone or something help you be brave? Explain.

Boy on the Wooden Box

Hero essay

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Prompt: Was Oscar Schindler a hero? Make sure to define hero and to give examples on how Schindler is or is not a hero.

Write an opinion paragraph on each book. This should not be part of the essay. Be honest. Make sure to include valid support.

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Name _____
 Dr. Tradewell

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 Summer Reading Rubric

Book Title: _____

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Quality of Information	Information clearly relates to the main topic. It includes several supporting details and/or examples.	Information clearly relates to the main topic. It provides 1-2 supporting details and/or examples.	Information clearly relates to the main topic. No details and/or examples are given.	Information has little or nothing to do with the main topic.
Paragraph Construction	All paragraphs include introductory sentences, explanations, or details, and concluding sentences.	Most paragraphs include introductory sentences, explanations, or details, and concluding sentences.	Paragraphs included related information but were typically not constructed well.	Paragraphing structure was not clear, and sentences were not typically related within the paragraphs.
Organization	Information is very organized with well-constructed paragraphs.	Information is organized with structured paragraphs.	Information is organized, but paragraphs are not well-constructed.	The information appears to be disorganized.
Amount of Information	All topics are addressed, and all questions answered with at least 2 sentences about each.	All topics are addressed, and most questions answered with at least 2 sentences about each.	All topics are addressed, and most questions answered with 1 sentence about each.	One or more topics were not addressed.
Mechanics	No grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors.	5-10 grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors	10-15 grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.	More than 15 grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.