

Incoming 6th Graders

Directions: Read and/or listen to **one** of the following **Historical Fiction** novels (or audiobooks) on the list. Resource students can read any of the choices. Then, answer the six questions about your novel. Answers can be hand-written or typed. The assignment is due the first week of ELA class.

Options (Choose ONE):

Ground Zero by Alan Gratz

One Came Home by Amy Timberlake

The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck

The Watsons Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis

Resource Student Options:

I Survived: The Destruction of Pompeii by Lauren Tarshis

Revolutionary War on Wednesday (Magic Tree House #22) by Mary Pope Osbourne

Tonight on the Titanic (Magic Tree House #17) by Mary Pope Osbourne

Please answer all of the following questions about your novel:

1. Which novel did you choose to read? Why did you choose that novel?
2. The setting of a novel includes both time and place. Where and when does your novel take place?
3. Besides knowing the setting, what details told you that this was a book from another time period? Pick **three examples** from your novel.

EXAMPLE: People rode horses instead of driving cars for transportation because cars weren't invented in 1776 when the story takes place.
4. Who is the main character of your novel? Tell me about the protagonist in 5-7 sentences. (Think about what the character looks like? How do they behave? What words or actions tell you about the character? Does the character have important family or friends?)
5. What is one conflict (problem) for the main character? Explain how the conflict gets resolved.
6. What's the message (theme) of the book for you?

If you have questions, email me and I will do my best to answer them quickly. My email address is: aschiller@sjfschool.us. I can't wait to talk about your book with you at our first book conference. Good luck and happy reading!

-Mrs. Schiller