



Dear Incoming 7th grade students,

I hope you enjoy your summer break! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mrs. Ritchie. I am very excited to spend this upcoming school year with your children. You will learn many important concepts and skills that will not only prepare you for 7th grade, but also make you a better reader, writer, and learner.

I have created a summer review packet, these packets are designed to help you maintain and freshen up the skills you already have in English Language Arts and Grammar.

I have attached the books you will be reading over the summer, as well as the projects and questions that need to be completed. Please find all of the assignments on the pages provided.

"The only thing that stands between you and your dream is the will to try and the belief that it is actually possible." -Joel Brown

I look forward to seeing you in September. Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ritchie

Mandatory Summer Work and Books Checklist

You are responsible for the following work, all due by Tuesday
September 15, 2020

1. _____ Read *Gathering Blue* by Louis Lowry
2. _____ Complete the comprehension questions given below.
Be sure you restate the question for each response. Type your
answers and include a heading.
3. _____ Complete the personal narrative project

Name: _____
Gathering Blue by Louis Lowry
Summer Reading

VOCABULARY –Using context clues, please write the definition beside each word. Use the text.

- *forage* p.11
- *malevolence* p. 15
- *iridescent* p. 56
- *impetuous* p. 63
- *renegade* p. 215
- *contemptuous* p. 37

Directions: Answer each question in complete sentence(s).

1. Who is Jamison? What is his job?
2. What made Kira think the quote "It's not true I need all of you. We need each other." Explain. (Chap. 19 page 177)
3. Describe Kira's society's death ritual. (Chapter 1)
4. Who wanted Kira's land and why did they want it? (Chapter 1)
5. Kira was considered an outcast? Why was she given this particular title?
6. What is Thomas' job in the Council?
7. Who is Annabella? How do you know she is old?
8. Why was Vandara feared throughout the village?
9. Why is the novel titled *Gathering Blue*?

10. What type of genre is this novel?

Short Answer-Please thoroughly answer each question.

11. In Chapter 10 there were many men standing outside the council. What were they doing? Revisit this scene and using evidence from this scene, explain this society's gender roles.

12. There is definitely a separation of classes in this novel. Explain the three classes (Kira's, Matt's, and Jamison's) presented in this novel. How are they different and how do they view one another?

13. Discuss what gave Katrina, Kira's mother, the courage to stand up to the people of the village and spare Kira's life, when the custom in Kira's society was to destroy babies born with birth defects. Do you think Katrina was aware of her daughter's gift? Katrina never created the color blue. Do you think she knew her daughter would someday find the secret of creating blue?

14. `What do Kira, Jo, and Thomas have in common? Interpret the following statement: “They were forcing the children to describe the future they wanted, not the one that could be.” (p. 212)

15. Kira has always been told that beasts killed her father. When Kira tells Jamison that Annabella says there are no beasts, he replies, “She’s very old. It’s dangerous for her to speak in that way.” (p. 128) Do you think Annabella knows the truth about Kira’s father? Discuss whether Jamison is responsible for Annabella’s death.

16. At the end of the novel, Matt brings Christopher, Kira’s blind father, to meet her. How does meeting her father alter Kira’s concept of her purpose in life and her contribution to her society’s future?

Personal Narrative Project

Think about an event from your childhood that you enjoy hearing over and over again? Tell us the story (personal narrative) and feel free to include details like (What do you feel when you hear it? Who tells this story to you?). If you can't think of a story, go home tonight and ask your family. Use the space below to use for brainstorming & prewriting. Go through the steps of the writing process by drafting your story on lined paper, revising, editing, and publishing (blue/black ink or typed) your childhood memory story.