

Summer Reading Assignment

Entering 7th Grade



This summer you will be reading and responding to the following books:

The Wright 3 by Blue Balliett (the next book in the Chasing Vermeer series)



and

The Midwife's Apprentice by Karen Cushman



As you read, please complete the questions and activities that correspond with each chapter or group of chapters. Completed packets will be collected and graded on Thursday, September 8, 2016. Please make sure that you are also reading something for enjoyment and entertainment. If you have any questions about the assignment over the summer, or if you just want to chat about the books, please feel free to e-mail me at moconnor@steugene.education . I hope that you have an enjoyable and restful summer! I look forward to hearing from you over the summer! See you in September!

"The Wright 3"
Ch. 1-3

Name _____

1. What do you think happened to the mason at the Robie House? Why?
2. Why did Tommy say, "he felt oddly like a ghost" (p. 4) coming back to Chicago?
3. Describe Ms. Hussey's classroom.
4. What does Calder carry around in his pocket? Why?
5. What is the Robie House? Who built it? Why?
6. What were they planning to do to the Robie House? Why?
7. What is "art glass"?
8. How does Ms. Hussey react to the news about the Robie House? Why?
9. Why is Tommy upset about Calder and Petra's friendship?

"The Wright 3"
Ch. 4-6

Name _____

1. What did the Robie House remind Tommy of? Why?
2. What types of things did Tommy collect? What was his favorite thing to collect? Why?
3. What did Tommy discover while digging around the Robie House? Describe it.
4. How did Petra feel about Tommy? Why?
5. What book did Petra pick up from Powell's? Why?
6. What did Petra like to do at home? What did Calder like to do at home?
7. What was dropped out of the train window by the man in the cape? Why did Petra say it was a coincidence?
8. Why did Calder say having 3D pentominoes "was like having 12 shapes from the real world in his pocket"? (p. 46)
9. What item did Tommy find? Sketch it below.

"The Wright 3"
Ch. 7-9

Name _____

1. Why does Petra say, "Were shadows just accidents?" (p. 53) Do you agree with her? Why or why not?
2. What was unusual about the 3 pentominoes Calder had pulled out of the set?
3. Why does Petra say, "This building doesn't want us here."? (p. 57)
4. What were some of the accidents that had happened at the Robie House? (p. 60)
5. Describe the Invisible Man.
6. What does the word "epiphany" mean? (p. 68)
7. What unusual thing did Petra remember about the man on the train?
8. Why were both Petra and Tommy mad at Calder?
9. Do you think the three kids will ever be friends again? Why or why not?

"The Wright 3"
Ch. 10-11

Name _____

1. Where did Ms. Hussey decide to take the class? Why?

2. What were some of Petra's observations about the Robie House?

3. What did Calder think he saw inside the house? Why?

4. What did Tommy do with his dragon fish discovery? Why?

5. What were the class's three reasons for saying the Robie House is a work of art? Do you agree? Why or why not?

6. What were the class's three reasons for saying the Robie House is not a work of art? Do you agree? Why or why not?

7. How do Petra and Tommy begin becoming friends?

8. What assignment does Ms. Hussey give them?

"The Wright 3"
Ch. 12-14

Name _____

1. What did Frank Lloyd Wright collect?
2. What tragedies happened to the Robie family while living in the house?
3. What did the book reveal about the clothing worn by Frank Lloyd Wright?
4. What signal did the house give Petra in Ch. 12?
5. What is so significant about the number "3"? (p. 111-113)
6. Why didn't Calder tell Petra about the stone fish Tommy found?
7. What are Fibonacci numbers? How do they work?
8. What are some things people have connected Fibonacci numbers to? Why?
9. What had Calder's dad seen at the Robie House that was unusual?

“The Wright 3”
Ch. 18-19

Name _____

1. What project does Ms. Hussey present to the class? Why?
2. Why did the class decide to “murder” the artwork in front of the Robie House and the press? Is it a good idea? Why?
3. Why was Tommy feeling better about himself?
4. What is a “talisman”?
5. What were Calder, Petra, and Tommy determined to not give up? Why?
6. What is a “red herring”?
7. Why did the three kids decide to share their secrets with one another?
8. What happened to Petra’s notebook at the end of Ch. 19?

"The Wright 3"
Ch. 20-21

Name _____

1. What happened to the stone fish Tommy placed in Goldman's bowl?
2. What did Petra's notebook look like when she finally found it? What did she compare it to?
3. What did Calder notice about the pentominoes he pulled out? (p. 189)
4. What unusual thing did Petra notice at the end of Ch. 20?
5. What is Calder's code based on? How does it work?
6. Who did the Wright 3 see together? Why were they so surprised?
7. Why do the kids decide to go in the Art Institute?
8. What does the thunderbolt in the Japanese piece of art represent? (p. 202)

"The Wright 3"
Ch. 22-24

Name _____

1. Describe some of the unusual things saw at the Art Institute.
2. What secrets does Mr. Dare reveal to Ms. Hussey in Ch. 22?
3. What do Asian dragons symbolize?
4. What does the house, "Fallingwater", represent, according to Ms. Hussey?
5. What did Petra want to do with the fish Tommy found? Why?
6. In what ways does Tommy think he is like Frank Lloyd Wright?
7. Why did Tommy lie to Petra and Calder about where he actually found the fish?
8. What happened to Tommy's house? The fish?

"The Wright 3"
Ch. 29-31

Name _____

1. Why does Calder say he felt like he was, "moving into a dark pentomino world"? (p. 267)

2. Describe at least one way the kids tried to get into the Robie House.

3. What did Tommy feel like once he entered the house? Why?

4. Where did they decide to put the baby monitor? Why?

5. What did the kids see as they tried to escape in Ch. 30?

6. What did the two masked men do to the Wright 3? Why?

7. Why were the men inside the house? What were they after?

8. How did they escape? What did the house do to the man? Why?

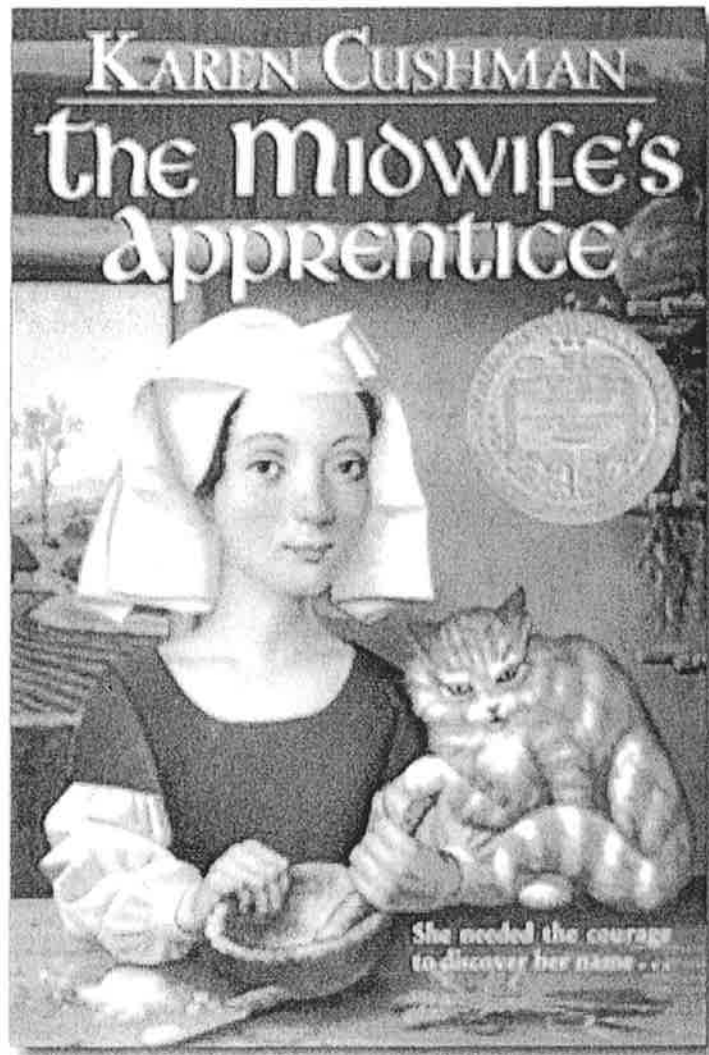
“The Wright 3”
Ch. 32-34

Name _____

1. Why does Petra say the stone fish was lost and found a lot?
2. Who were the two men?
3. How did the kids end up saving the Robie House?
4. Where were Tommy and his mom going to live? Why?
5. How did they find Frank Lloyd Wright's code?
6. What is the code related to? How?
7. What does Mrs. Sharpe say coincidences remind her of? (p. 310)
8. What did Tommy's mom give him? Why?

Chapter Questions for...

The Midwife's Apprentice



By Shelagh Turner

The Midwife's Apprentice

by Karen Cushman



Chapters 1-2:

1. Why was Brat (or Beetle) sleeping in a dung heap instead of her parents' house?

2. How does the Midwife help change Beetle's life?

3. Synonyms: Match words that mean the same.

scrawny	stench	taunted	ale	stingy
midwife	linens	apprentice	commence	dung heap

a. teased:

f. beer:

b. not generous:

g. delivers babies:

c. sheets:

h. garbage, droppings:

d. skinny:

i. assistant:

e. begin:

j. smell:

4. Explain what the village boys did to the cat.

Chapters 3-4:

1. Beetle had to do lots of work everyday. List 4 chores she did.

a.

b.

c.

d.

2. Explain why Beetle had to go to the Miller's house.

3. Analogies: Fill in the missing word to finish the analogy.

For example: Banana is to fruit as corn is to vegetable

a. Ham is to meat as cake is to _____.

b. Banana is to _____ as onion is to vegetable.

c. _____ is to car as diesel is to truck.

d. Wood is to carpenter as clay is to _____.

e. Kind is to evil as _____ is to empty.

f. _____ is to hand as sock is to foot.

4. Why do you suppose the Midwife doesn't want Beetle watching her deliver babies?

Chapters 5-6:

1. Why did Beetle go to the fair instead of the Midwife?

2. Explain how Will almost died.

Now explain how Alyce helped him.

3. Beetle changed her name. Imagine you could change your name. Think of 4 other names you like. Circle the one you like the most.

a.

c.

b.

d.

4. How was life different during Beetle's time? Tell 4 ways.

a.

b.

c.

d.

Chapters 7-8:

1. The villagers think that the devil has come to their village. Who is this devil?

Now explain why this person pretended to be the devil.

2. How did Alyce help Will?

3. Fill in the blank with the correct word.

deceitful breeches knowledge hobbling chop
scavenged remedies manure

- a. Jack and Wat rubbed chicken _____ into Alyce's hair.
- b. In those days boys wore _____.
- c. If you stole something the villagers might _____ off your hands.
- d. This word means to be dishonest: _____.
- e. The Midwife made her own _____ to help women deliver babies.
- f. The villagers began to ask Alyce for advice because they realized that she had a great deal of _____ and skill.

4. The Midwife couldn't just go to a pharmacy and buy her medicines. Explain how she got her medicines. Give an example.

Chapters 9-10:

1. Why wasn't the Midwife paid for the delivery of the bailiff's baby daughter?

2. Tell 3 ways Alyce helped the boy, Runt.

a.

b.

c.

3. Match a word from Column A with a word from Column B to make a compound word.

Column A

egg eye coast proof
text sea vine

Column B

book yard shell brow
read line port

a.

e.

b.

f.

c.

g.

d.

4. People back then were superstitious. For example, what did they think would happen if...

a. you forgot to put salt in a newborn's mouth.

b. a baby boy was born after his father died

Chapters 11-12:

1. How did the Midwife react when Matthew Blunt told her that his mother only wanted Alyce to help deliver the baby?

Now explain why she ran away.

2. Explain how Alyce learned to read.

3. Think of 5 words or phrases that describe the character Alyce.

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

4. Alyce's life is very different from a teenage girl's life today. Draw a picture that shows 3 things Alyce did. Label your pictures.

Chapters 13-14:

1. Alyce thinks she is stupid, however, Will and the Midwife disagree. What does Will say to show she doesn't think Alyce is stupid.

Now tell what the Midwife says to show that she doesn't think Alyce is stupid.

2. The cook at the manor thinks that Alyce has a twin. Who does she think Alyce's twin is?

3. If you were a village back then, what different jobs could you have? Name 5 different jobs.

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

4. Make a prediction. How do you think the story will end?

Chapters 15-17:

1. When Alyce last saw Edward he was terribly skinny and all alone in the world. Describe how he is now. Tell 3 things.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
2. Explain why the rich merchant and his wife were so pleased with Alyce and wanted her to live with them.
3. Explain why the Midwife told Alyce (when she first went back to the village) that she would not have her back.

Now explain why the Midwife changed her mind.

4. In what ways has Alyce changed? Describe how she was at the beginning of the story. Then describe how she is at the end of the story.

In the beginning.....

At the end of the story....