

**Saint Hilary of Poitiers
Incoming SIXTH Graders
Summer Reading Assignment**

Summary: You will read 2 books this summer. It is your responsibility to obtain the books and follow the guidelines below. The books are:

- 1) Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea
- 2) Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

HATCHET

- 1) Read the novel. Work on these questions below as you are reading or after reading- your choice.
- 2) a) The questions should be answered in a Google Doc, Times New Roman 12 font, double-spaced. You do not need to copy the actual questions over to the Google Doc, just make sure to number your answers.

b) You must use your SHS Google/Gmail account to set up the Doc. Name, Date and "HATCHET" as the title go at the top of the page.
c) Use your best writing skills, vary your sentence structure (not all simple sentences) and give clear details.
d) Watch your grammar: write in complete sentences (that start with capital letters and make use of the necessary punctuation), and there should not be any spelling mistakes.
e) **Please edit your work before submitting your assignment.**
f) The completed questions are due by the first day of school: 'shared' or emailed with nburdick@sainthilaryschool.com.
(You do not need to wait until the beginning of the school year to submit them; if you're finished before September, I'd be happy to look at your work over the summer.)

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

1. Brian once had an english teacher who encouraged his students to "get motivated." He told them, "You are your most valuable asset. Don't forget that. You are the best thing you have." How does this message give Brian courage when he is alone in the wilderness? Describe how Brian learns to depend on his own creative thinking to figure things out. Give clear examples. **MUST WRITE AT LEAST 5 SENTENCES.**
2. In spite of Brian's bad luck, he does feel that he has some good luck. Describe his first 'good luck' moment in the book. What is his ultimate good luck? **MUST WRITE AT LEAST 5 SENTENCES.**
3. Brian is sometimes very afraid. Fear can both be helpful and harmful to Brian. How does he learn to deal with fear? Give clear examples. **MUST WRITE AT LEAST 5 SENTENCES.**
4. If Brian had to prepare a survival kit to bring with him for another trip to the wilderness, based on his experiences in the wild in this story, what ten items/things would he put in the kit for the next time. List the 10 items he might bring and write ONE sentence for each to explain why YOU think he might bring it.

BECAUSE OF MR. TERUPT

After reading the book, **PRINT** and complete the **TWO** PAGE handout below. It is due the first day of school.

Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea Student Name: _____

List of Characters:



Summary of the Plot:

Three good quotes from the book:

why I liked the book: