



Dear Parents,

It is with great joy and excitement that I would like to welcome your child to 6th grade Literature. I am greatly looking forward to teaching your child in the fall; I know we're going to have a great year!

While summer is an amazing time for camps, vacations, and relaxation, it is also great time to curl up with a good book! As you know, good readers and writers read and write DAILY. Recent brain research shows us that practice is necessary in order to master strategies that are critical to the success of the reading and writing process. Reading during the summer also helps students maintain their independent reading levels. The more students read, the more proficient they become at reading and writing!

In order to make sure your child has a successful start to 6th grade, I have assigned a novel for your child to read so they can practice their critical thinking and writing skills. Students have checked out their summer reading novel and have been given their packet with detailed instructions on what they need to accomplish. I encourage you to go over this packet with them and help them establish a plan to complete their assignment in a timely manner.

All work is due the first day of school (August 6th) and will be taken for a grade. Students will also have a test over the novel.

While I am only requiring students to read one novel, I encourage them to choose books, magazines, and/or newspaper articles to read consistently throughout the summer. A strong background in reading helps in all subject areas!

If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding summer reading, please don't hesitate to contact me via e-mail at ctempleton@stmarysoakridge.org . I am happy to assist in any way possible!

I hope you and your family have a beautiful summer and I cannot wait to see you in August!

God bless!

Sincerely,
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Dear Students,

Welcome to 6th grade Literature! Before we begin our new adventures in the classroom this fall, it is important that you spend part of your summer practicing your reading and critical thinking skills by completing your summer reading assignment. This summer you will be expected to read *City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau. As you read you will be asked to respond to the attached guided questions and draw a scene from your favorite part of the novel. Both assignments will be due August 6th, the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

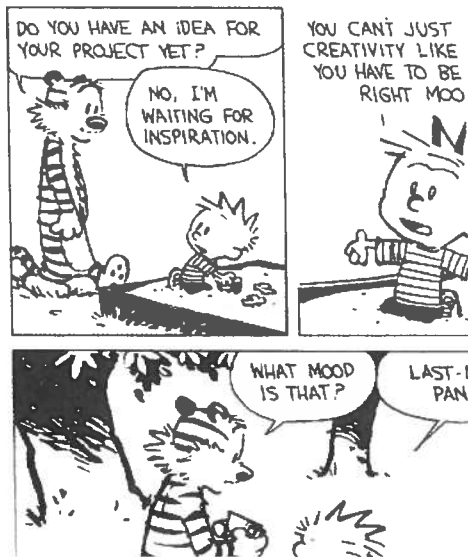
For each set of chapters, you only need to answer **FIVE** questions. You may answer all of them for extra credit (and to help you on your test), but you are only required to answer FIVE per chapter grouping. For example, chapter 1 and chapter 2 questions are combined for a total of 11 questions. You only need to answer 5 out of those 11.

Please read the following assignment requirements below (these will be graded!)

Favorite Scene Drawing (Due on the first day of school!):

1. Choose one scene from the novel that you most enjoyed.
2. One poster board of white computer paper, draw (in detail) what occurred in the scene.
3. On the bottom of the paper OR on the back, please write one paragraph (8-10 sentences) EXPLAINING what happened in scene, WHY this scene is important to the overall novel, AND WHY you liked it the most. Be thorough and detailed in your response.
4. Grammar and spelling count, so please PROOFREAD!

BE SURE YOU DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE! THESE ASSIGNMENTS CANNOT BE DONE THE NIGHT BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS. PACE YOURSELF AND BE SURE TO EMAIL ME IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS! ☺



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ANSWER AT LEAST FIVE (5) QUESTIONS FOR EACH CHAPTER!

You may answer ALL questions if you choose to for extra credit.

You will be able to use your guided questions on your test, so be thorough and detailed in your responses. Questions should be answered in COMPLETE SENTENCES by RESTATING THE QUESTION!

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City of Ember Chapters 1-2

Respond to each question IN COMPLETE SENTENCES. All answers must be grammatically correct, with proper spelling and punctuation.

1. How did the builders of Ember make sure that the instructions would not be seen for two hundred and twenty years?
2. How did the builders plan to keep the box safe and secret?
3. What went wrong with the builders' plan?
4. Why is electricity especially important for the city of Ember?
5. Why is Lina disappointed when she picks "Pipeworks laborer" as her job?
6. Why does Doon change jobs with Lina?

City of Ember Chapters 3-5

Respond to each question IN COMPLETE SENTENCES. All answers must be grammatically correct, with proper spelling and punctuation.

- 1. How does working as a Pipeworks laborer convince Doon that the city is in even worse shape than he had suspected?**
- 2. Why is Doon's first look at the generator disappointing to him?**
- 3. Why is it important to Doon to be the one to save the city?**
- 4. Why does Lina ask Mrs. Murdo to check up on her grandmother during the day?**
- 5. Why does the newly named job of trash sifter cause Lina to worry?**
- 6. Why does Clary give Lina a bean seed?**

7. Why does Lina have trouble finding Poppy after she wanders away from the store?

8. Why do you think nobody in Ember has been able to invent a movable light?

9. Do you think there is any hope for the city of Ember to survive? Why or why not?

10. In what ways is the city of Ember's problem like problems we have in our own cities today. BE SPECIFIC.

City of Ember Chapters 6-8

Respond to each question IN COMPLETE SENTENCES. All answers must be grammatically correct, with proper spelling and punctuation.

- 1. Why do the people show anger toward the mayor at the town meeting?**
- 2. What makes Lina think that the box from the closet contains something important?**
- 3. Why don't Captain Fleery and the other Believers worry about the state of the city of Ember?**
- 4. What strategy do most of the people in Ember use to cope with the shortages and blackouts?**
- 5. Why does Lina decide to take the document to Doon?**
- 6. Why is Doon interested in the subject of fire?**

City of Ember Chapters 9-11

Respond to each question IN COMPLETE SENTENCES. All answers must be grammatically correct, with proper spelling and punctuation.

- 1. While Granny was sick Lina and Poppy _____.**
 - a) played hide-and-seek
 - b) drew pictures
 - c) read stories
 - d) played with dolls

- 2. Poppy's picture was a scribble. Lina's was _____.**
 - a) the generator
 - b) a map of Ember
 - c) the Pipeworks
 - d) a city with a blue sky

- 3. During the night Granny called Lina to come to her. Granny wanted _____.**
 - a) Lina to just be near to her
 - b) Lina to bring her some water
 - c) Lina to sing her a lullaby
 - d) Lina to tell her about the baby

- 4. After Granny died, Lina and Poppy moved in with _____.**
 - a) Lizzie
 - b) Doon and his father
 - c) Mrs. Murdo

- 5. Mrs. Murdo's home was _____.**
 - a) messier than Granny's house
 - b) old and shabby looking
 - c) beautiful and cozy

- 6. Lizzie said the good thing about her new job was _____.**
 - a) that she had a new boyfriend
 - b) that she didn't get tired
 - c) that she had a great boss

- 7. What special food did Lina remember having when she was five years old?**
 - a) peaches
 - b) canned pears
 - c) onions
 - d) creamed corn

- 8. Lizzie said she got the canned foods from _____ who said he explored the storerooms.**

- 9. Lopper even found a can of _____.**
 - a) cherries

- b) pineapple
- c) blueberries
- d) maple syrup

10. Another title for Chapter 11 instead of "Lizzie's Groceries" could be _____.

- a) Temptations
- b) Playing Games with Poppy
- c) Doon and Lina's Adventure
- d) Advice

11. Which question does this reading selection NOT answer?

- a) Where did Lina and Poppy go after Granny died?
- b) What did Lina like to draw?
- c) What was one reason Lizzie liked her job?
- d) What were the people of Ember going to do when the canned foods ran out?

12. Which sequence best describes the order of events in Chapter 10?

- 1) Poppy and Lina drew pictures.
- 2) Granny woke up calling for Lina during the middle of the night.
- 3) Dr. Tower came to visit Granny.
- 4) Lina stayed home and made Granny a soup of spinach and onions.
- 5) Lina found Granny very pale and very still with all the life gone out of her.
- 6) Granny became ill with a fever.

- a) 6, 3, 1, 2, 4, 5
- b) 6, 4, 3, 5, 2, 1
- c) 6, 3, 4, 1, 2, 5
- d) 5, 3, 4, 1, 2, 6

13. Which sentence from the reading selection supports the conclusion that Lizzie would NOT have told Lina about the special canned goods Looper had given her if she had not tripped and spilled the cans?

- a) Looper explores the storerooms. He's found out that there's still a little bit left of some rare things.
- b) "What's in the sack?" Lina asked. "Oh, just some groceries," said Lizzie.
- c) If there's only one can of peaches left, only one person gets to have it, right?
- d) Looper found a can of pineapple.

14. Which statement from the story contains a cause-effect relationship?

- a) Poppy was grasping the pencil in her fist and making a wild scribble.
- b) Lina knew the city from her dreams was bright.
- c) Since paper had been so rare, Lina had to draw on can labels.
- d) Lina colored the space above the buildings, her pencil moving back and forth in short lines, until the entire sky was blue.

City of Ember Chapters 12-14

Respond to each question IN COMPLETE SENTENCES. All answers must be grammatically correct, with proper spelling and punctuation.

- 1. What does Doon discover when he opens the door to the locked room in Tunnel 351?**
- 2. Why is it getting harder for people in Ember to put the problem of the failing electricity out of their minds?**
- 3. How does Doon's information about the store relate to the Looper?**
- 4. How does Lina realize that Doon is her best friend?**
- 5. Why does Lina go to see Clary?**

City of Ember Chapter 15

Respond to each question IN COMPLETE SENTENCES. All answers must be grammatically correct, with proper spelling and punctuation.

1. Doon packed his traveling possessions in _____.
 - a) his pillow case
 - b) a shoe box
 - c) the laundry basket

2. The worm Doon found turned into a _____.

3. What favor did Nammy Progs do for Doon?
 - a) She watched Poppy while Lina and Doon went to the singing.
 - b) She lied to the guards about where Doon was.
 - c) She gave Doon some money to buy food.

4. Why did the guards say Doon and Lina were lying?
 - a) The Chief Guard told the other guards that Doon and Lina were lying.
 - b) The guards would lose their jobs if they went against the mayor, and would have to spend some time in the prison room.
 - c) The guards knew about what the mayor was doing and they wanted it to stay a secret.

5. What did Mrs. Murdo sing to Poppy?
 - a) Baa Baa Black Sheep
 - b) Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
 - c) Rock-a-bye Baby
 - d) Sing a Song of Sixpence

6. Doon and Lina went to the _____ to hide.

7. Doon and Lina decided to write a note to _____ and tell her they were leaving Ember and how to follow them.

8. _____ was to deliver the note to Clary.

9. As Doon watched Lina run across Stonegrit Lane _____.
 - a) she ran right into the mayor
 - b) she fell and skinned her knees and elbows
 - c) the chief guard spotted Lina and started chasing after her

10. Read these events from Chapter 15.
 - 1) Doon wrote a message explaining how to find the rock with the E, the boat room, and the candles
 - 2) Doon and Lina found hundreds of boats with metal boxes and paddles.
 - 3) Doon and Lina went to the school.
 - 4) Doon watched Lina as the guards chased her.
 - 5) Doon watched Lina leave to deliver the note to Clary.

Which sequence best describes the order of events in this chapter?

- a) 3, 1, 2, 4, 5
- b) 1, 4, 5, 3, 2
- c) 2, 1, 3, 5, 4
- d) 4, 3, 1, 5, 2

11. Which question does this chapter answer?

- a) Will Lina escape from the guards?
- b) How will Poppy react to Lina leaving?
- c) Why did the mayor have posters hung on the kiosks claiming Doon and Lina were spreading vicious lies?
- d) How will Doon and Lina tell the Emberites about the way out of Ember?

12. What is the main conflict in Chapter 15?

- a) Will the mayor give his normal speech at the singing?
- b) How will Lina escape from the guards?
- c) What would staying in the prison room be like?
- d) What should Doon take with him on his journey out of Ember?

City of Ember Chapters 16-17

Respond to each question IN COMPLETE SENTENCES. All answers must be grammatically correct, with proper spelling and punctuation.

- 1. Where was the first place Lina thought of to hide when the guards were chasing her?**
 - a) the library
 - b) Doon's house
 - c) Looper's store

- 2. The guards took Lina to _____.**
 - a) the prison room
 - b) the mayor
 - c) the singing

- 3. When the mayor said that all is being done for their benefit. For their own good. Lina said, _____**
 - a) "I understand."
 - b) "Hogwash."
 - c) "This isn't fair."

- 4. ___ helped Lina escape.**
 - a) One of the guards
 - b) Doon
 - c) A blackout

- 5. During the second blackout Lina _____.**
 - a) saw Doon with his candle heading towards the Pipeworks
 - b) heard Mayor Cole telling the people not to panic
 - c) heard Poppy call her name

- 6. Lina hid behind the trash-can enclosure behind the Gathering Hall waiting for _____.**
 - a) Doon
 - b) Mrs. Murdo and Poppy
 - c) Lizzie
 - d) Mayor Cole

- 7. Doon sent a message to his father by _____.**
 - a) Looper
 - b) carrier pigeon
 - c) writing a note and pinning it to the kiosk
 - d) messenger

- 8. Lina was late meeting Doon because _____.**
 - a) she waited for Poppy so she could bring her along
 - b) she went to tell Clary she was leaving
 - c) she went home to get her drawings

- 9. The best reason Chapter 17 was called "Away" was because _____.**

- a) Lina got away from the guards
- b) Lina and Doon were able to get away from Ember
- c) Lina took Poppy away

10. This passage implies Doon managed to get to his feet. He hauled on the rope that held the boat to the bank until he was close enough to reach the knot. He struggled with it. Water splashed into his face. He yanked at the knot, loosened it, pulled the rope free - and the boat shot forward.

- a) Lina and Doon will be caught by the guards.
- b) Lina and Doon will escape from Ember.
- c) Lina and Doon will drown in the river.
- d) Lina and Doon will leave Poppy with Mrs. Murdo.

11. Which statement from *The City of Ember* expresses an opinion?

- a) Ember is in a time of difficulty. Extraordinary measures are necessary.
- b) Doon stood up and hoisted his sack again.
- c) A little cloud of moths came to flutter around the flame of his candle.
- d) "Far below, like the blood of the earth, From the center of nowhere rushing forth," he sang under his breath.

12. Which statement contains a cause-effect relationship?

- a) The mayor told Lina his duties were too complex to be understood by regular citizens.
- b) The lights went out, so Lina was able to escape from the mayor.
- c) Lina jumped from the roof of the Prison Room to the street.
- d) There was a strange hush as if the city were holding its breath.

13. Which statement from this chapter supports the conclusion that the people of Ember are afraid?

- a) "The Song of the River" startled her when it began - the men's voices, low and rolling, swelling with power, and then the women's voices coming in above with a complicated melody that seemed to fight the current.
- b) Then the floodlights flickered - there was a great cry of hope from the crowd - and the lights came on and stayed on.
- c) Someone shouted, "Don't move!" and someone else shrieked. The rumble rose to a roar, and then cries flew into the darkness from everywhere.
- d) The song reached its climax: "Darkness like an endless night," sang the hundreds of voices, so powerfully the air seemed to shiver.

14. Based on this Chapter 17 "Away", it is likely that _____.

- a) the people in Ember will begin using candles all the time
- b) Mrs. Murdo will move in with Mr. Harrow to help cook and clean for him
- c) Doon's father will tell the mayor that Doon and Lina found the way out of Ember
- d) the mayor will not find Lina and Doon

***City of Ember* Chapters 18-20**

Respond to each question IN COMPLETE SENTENCES. All answers must be grammatically correct, with proper spelling and punctuation.

- 1. Why is Lina terrified during the boat ride?**
- 2. How do the children know when their boat journey ends?**
- 3. How did Lina's lapse of memory create a problem for the citizens of Ember?**
- 4. Why do the children think that their arrival has been expected?**
- 5. What amazes the children most when they observe the landscape beyond the tunnel?**

12. What do you think Mrs. Murdo will do after reading the message?

