

6th Grade English
Summer Reading Assignment

Assignment for *Maya and the Rising Dark, Book 1:*

Before you read the book, read the questions in the assignment, so you know what to watch out for. Write your responses in complete sentences. Write neatly in pencil or type your work. If you type your work, please print it on paper.

1. Name a character trait of Maya's that we can admire. Give an example of a time when Maya showed this trait. (Note: A trait is a word that describes a character's personality: for example, the words "kind" and "determined." Traits are a permanent part of the character. They're not a temporary feeling, like "worried" or "excited.")
2. Choose three other characters besides Maya and name at least one character trait for each character. It can be ones you admire or ones you don't admire. For each trait, give one example of a time when the character showed this trait.
3. What is the secret that Maya learns in chapter seven? Why is it important?
4. Were you surprised or not surprised by the end of the book? Why?

Assignment for the two books you chose to read this summer:

First, what was the genre of each book? Realistic fiction? Fantasy? Historical fiction? Science fiction? Biography? Mystery? Or would you combine two of the words to describe your book?

Second, write a short summary of each book in complete sentences, in two paragraphs or so. Explain what the book was about. Include the names of the main characters and how they were part of the story. Try to end the summary at a **cliffhanger** near the end of the book. The cliffhanger will make it more fun to share the summary with your classmates in the fall.