

2019 Summer Reading

7th Grade

Teacher: Ms. Bergez

Required Text:

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Project Brief:

For Summer Reading, you are required to read the above novel, Where the Red Fern Grows, by Wilson Rawls, and complete the following project. I suggest you purchase and read the book early on during in your summer break so you will have enough time to read it thoroughly and complete the project on time.

For your project, you must choose **SEVEN** significant objects from the novel and explain why **EACH** is essential to the story's plot. For example, if you were reading "Snow White" instead, you might pick the poisoned apple as one of your objects. If the wicked Queen had never given Snow White the poisoned apple, Snow White would have never fallen asleep, and her Prince would never have rescued her. Furthermore, without the apple, the wicked Queen would never have come in contact with Snow White, fooled her, and believed that she, the Queen, was in fact the most beautiful woman alive. These key events progress the storyline; so, without them, the story could not advance the way it does. Ultimately, the story would be completely different without the apple.

Project Requirements:

- Include a Cover Page with the book's title, its author, and your name. This information can be hand-written OR typed. Add an illustration to complete the Cover Page. The illustration **MUST** be hand-drawn!
- Give each object its own page.
- The objects you choose **MUST BE** objects. They may be tangible objects (ex: an apple) OR intangible objects (ex: an emotion, such as fear or love). Your objects may **NOT** be characters.
- On each page, include a **TYPED** paragraph explaining the significance of the object. Each explanation should be a **MINIMUM** of 8 sentences long but no more than 12 sentences long.
- On each page, include a **HAND-DRAWN** or **PRINTED** illustration of the object. All illustrations **MUST** be completely colored/colorful.
- Bind all of your completed pages together with a single staple in the upper left-hand corner. **NO** book report covers or jackets, please!

Grading Rubric:

Your project will be graded on the following criteria:

1. Following Project Directions
2. Organization & Neatness
3. Color & Creativity
4. Detailed and Insightful Explanations

***Over the summer, as you work on your project, if you have any questions or concerns, please email me and ask! You can reach me at dbergez@sfsta.org. Enjoy the book, and have a great summer!!