

Summer reading

Book: My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Assignment:

As you are reading, put yourself in Sam's shoes. When you come across what you believe to be a major event in the story, stop and write a diary entry from Sam's perspective. Diary entries should be 2-3 paragraphs in length and should include the following:

- What is happening? (summarize the event)
- How do you feel? (How do you think Sam feels, knowing what you know about the character at this point in the story?)
- If there is a problem- how will you solve it?
- Are you going to continue on your adventure or is this the event that makes you think it is time to return home?

It is important to keep these diaries as you read, instead of writing them in retrospect (looking back once you have finished). As the character changes throughout the book, so will your thoughts and feelings toward him. To accurately keep your survival diary, you must only know what is happening at that moment to Sam and what he has been through in the past.

You should finish with a minimum of 10 entries, written in first person as the character of Sam.

Book: Choose 1 of the following 3: The Phantom tollbooth by Norton Juster, Island of the Blue Dolphin by Scott O'Dell, Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Assignment:

Create a google slides presentation about the book you have chosen. The presentation should include the following:

- Title slide
- Plot summary
- Character descriptions (3 main characters)
- What character did you identify most with and why
- What was the most interesting event in the story? Why?
- What 5 questions did you have while reading that you would want answered in a sequel?
- Review of the book- include a rating out of 5, why, who would enjoy this book, what the book's best and worst qualities were as a reader.