

7th GRADE SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS

WEDNESDAY WARS by Gary D. Schmidt

Complete the following questions concerning each month in the book. Write your answers on a separate sheet of paper IN COMPLETE SENTENCES. Please think through these questions and answer them to the best of your ability. Most questions will take more than a single sentence to answer. This assignment will be collected the first week of school. It does not have to be typed, but points will be taken off if it is not neatly written.

SEPTEMBER

1. What are your first impressions of the following characters: Holling Hoodhood, Mrs. Baker, Mr. Hoodhood, and Mr. Guareschi?

OCTOBER

2. What does Mrs. Baker mean when she says to Holling that “we have been wasting our opportunities”?

NOVEMBER

3. What are Mrs. Baker’s thoughts on how *The Tempest* ends? What are your feelings about Mrs. Baker’s comments? (pages 70-71)

DECEMBER

4. “When gods die, they die hard” (page 93). What is the metaphorical death here?

JANUARY

5. Why does Holling disagree with Mrs. Baker about how “malice is a small and petty thing”? Do you agree or disagree with Holling? Why or why not?

FEBRUARY

6. Why does Holling compare his father to Shakespeare’s character, Shylock? How have others in the book so far filled the “father” role for Holling?

MARCH

7. First, Holling recites Shakespeare (p. 174). Please interpret the poem.

APRIL

8. Mrs. Sidman, Mr. Guareschi, President Johnson, and Mr. Kowalski all have something in common at the beginning of this chapter. What is it?

MAY

9. Holling feels that several people need comforting at the beginning of this chapter. Name the reason for each of the following characters:
- a. Mrs. Sidman
 - b. The eighth-grade cross country runners
 - c. Mr. Hoodhood

JUNE

10. Mrs. Baker says “A comedy isn’t about being funny.” What insight does she give Holling on comedy? (page 262)