

Summer Reading Assignment

Lindsey: 8th Grade Honors English

- 2011-12 Reading Assignment: *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George
- Due Date: August 1, 2011
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Part I/SETTING & BACKGROUND: Do some research on New York's Catskill Mountains, the history of New York City in the late 1950's, and/or American author Henry David Thoreau. **Write or type a total of TEN interesting facts found from your research.** *Facts should be written in complete sentences.*

Part II: CONFLICT: After reading, determine the type of conflict (*man vs. man; man vs. nature; man vs. society or technology; or man vs. himself*) that occurs within this novel. **In a long paragraph (10+ sentences), list one type of**

conflict* found within the novel and evidence (at least 3 scenes/passages/events, etc.) from within the novel that support your conflict selection. *Your answer to this question may differ from others; you just have to support and justify your answer with contents found within the novel.

- Your paragraph should reflect your best work and effort and be error-free (check spelling and punctuation).
- Include the book's title and author within the paragraph.
- Do NOT use the words *I, me, my, or you* in your paragraph.
- Passages from the novel that are copied word-for-word should be placed within quotation marks, and include page numbers [**Example:** "I left New York in May. I had a penknife, a ball of cord, an ax, and \$40, which I had saved from selling magazine subscriptions" (Speare 9).]

Part III/BIBLICAL INTEGRATION & PERSONAL RESPONSE:

As Christians, we have God's Word and truths written upon our hearts and minds. While reading, reflect upon the novel's contents and relate them to learned Bible verses/stories/references. **Find three separate passages from the novel that you can reflect upon and relate to three different biblical truths.** *Remember, passages copied word-for-word from within the novel should be placed within quotation marks, and include page numbers. Bible applications should also reflect proper punctuation and reference [**Example:** John 3:16/KJV says, "For God so loved the world that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life."]*

+Starting August 1st, bring your copy of the novel to class each and every day.
++While reading the novel, it is HIGHLY suggested that you write a very brief summary (1-2 sentences) describing the main point or event at the end of each chapter. This will help to refresh your memory for upcoming classroom discussions/assignments/novel test.