

7th Grade Summer Reading 2020

Holes by Louis Sachar

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Stanley Yelnats IV has been wrongly accused of stealing a famous baseball player's valued sneakers and is sent to Camp Green Lake, a juvenile detention home where the boys dig holes, five feet deep by five feet across, in the miserable Texas heat. It's just one more piece of bad luck that's befallen Stanley's family for generations.

REQUIRED: All incoming 7th graders are required to read *Holes* by Louis Sachar and complete the attached assignment. The assignment should be ready to turn in the first day of school, August 12, but no later than Friday, August 14.

PLEASE DO NOT WATCH THE MOVIE. We will watch it in class together.

OPTIONAL: You are not required to read another novel, but we would like to greatly encourage you to choose as least one other novel to read this summer. This is a completely free choice.

Please use this page as the cover sheet for your assignment.

NAME _____

Literary Terms: Demonstrate your knowledge of the following literary terms as they relate to the novel.

Point of View: (1st Person, 2nd Person, 3rd Person Limited, 3rd Person Omniscient)

Setting:

Protagonist:

Antagonist:

Conflict: Give one example of each one.

Man vs Man:

Man vs Nature:

Man vs Self:

Man vs Society:

Climax:

Flashback:

Figures of Speech: Metaphors and Similes

A simile is a figure of speech that makes a comparison between two unlike things using words such as *like*, *as*, *than*, and *resembles*. A metaphor makes a comparison by stating that one thing is another, such as “nerves of steel.”

For each quotation below, record what two things are being compared and tell whether the figure of speech is a metaphor or a simile. One has been done for you.

| QUOTATION | THINGS BEING COMPARED | METAPHOR? SIMILE? |
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| “He’s a mole,” Zigzag had said. | | |
| “His real name is Charles Walker, but everyone called him Trout because his two feet smelled like a couple of dead fish.” | | |
| “Zero’s face looked like a jack-o’-lantern that had been left out too many days past Halloween—half rotten, with sunken eyes and a drooping smile.” | | |
| The horizon lit up with a huge web of lightning. | horizon and web | metaphor |
| The Warden’s nails were deadly weapons after she painted them with rattlesnake venom. | | |

THEME: A **theme** is an insight about human life that an author develops in a work of fiction. In *Holes*, Stanley discovers how other people's actions profoundly affect his own life.

How do the actions of each of these characters affect Stanley? Trout Walker has been done for you.

