

## Rising 7th Grade Summer Reading List with Text-Dependent Questions

### I. *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson

Chapter 1 Describe the main character and his family.

Chapter 2 Describe Jesse's home life and how he copes with it.

Chapter 3 Describe what happened during the races at lunch.

Chapter 4 Explain who Jess's parents felt about his relationship with Leslie.

Chapter 5 Describe how Jess and Leslie got Janice Avery back for stealing May Belle's twinkies.

Chapter 6 Explain in complete sentences Jess's relationship with his sisters and how it compares to his relationship with Leslie.

Chapter 7 At the end of this chapter Jess compares his life to a dandelion. Using examples from the book, explain why he feels this way.

Chapter 8 Summarize what happened in this chapter.

Chapter 9 Explain why Jess couldn't tell Leslie he wouldn't go to Terabithia.

Chapter 10 Explain why Miss Edmunds asked Jess to go to Washington D.C. and why it was so significant for Jess.

Chapter 11 Describe how Jess felt the morning he woke up after he found out about Leslie's death.

Chapter 12 Explain how Jess might feel Leslie's death might have been his fault.

Chapter 13 Describe how and why Jess introduced May Belle to Terabithia.

### II. *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

Chapter 1 Why did Brian's mother give him a hatchet? How did Brian feel about the gift? What does the fact that he wore it tell us about his feelings towards her?

Chapter 2 What plan did Brian envision that would help him to land safely? What did he do to prepare for the landing?

Chapter 3 The author provides a sensory description of the crash landing. Make a list of the sensory details that were used; for example, sights and sounds. One example would be the screams of fear and pain.

Chapter 4 What new menace plagued Brian with the rising of the sun? How was the problem resolved?

Chapter 5 Relate the lesson that Brian learned from his former English teacher. How did he apply this lesson to his situation?

Chapter 6 Brian chose to locate his shelter close to the lake. Explain his reasoning.

Chapter 7 Describe the memory that was painful for Brian? Have you ever had a memory that was painful to you? Tell about it.

Chapter 8 What caused Brian to cry until he was all cried out? Have you ever felt this way? Tell about it.

Chapter 9 In what way did Brian's past science lessons come in handy? How did he apply this knowledge to his pursuit of fire?

Chapter 10 Why did Brian think that "he had never felt so rich somehow"?

Chapter 11 Explain Brian's plan for a signal fire

Chapter 12 The mood at the end of this chapter was pessimistic and hopeless. Why? How would you have felt if you had been in Brian's situation?

Chapter 13 Brian felt like he was a new person. Where and how did this take place?

Chapter 14 Explain Brian's solution for storing fish.

Chapter 15 Describe Brian's method of keeping track of time.

Chapter 16 After the devastation of the tornado, Brian was able to show some humor. Cite the example.

Chapter 17 Why did Brian build a raft?

Chapter 18 Think of all that happened from the time Brian first landed to the time he dropped the hatchet and explain this statement: "For all this time...the hatchet had been everything...the hatchet was, had been him."

Chapter 19 Describe how Brian was rescued.

Epilogue Some of the changes Brian underwent were permanent. Explain.

**III. *Bud Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis**

Chapters 1 and 2

Do you think Bud and Jerry truly feel “cheerful, helpful and grateful” to be going to foster homes? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Why do you think that Bud’s eyes don’t cry anymore? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapters 3 and 4

How does Bud take revenge on Todd?

How do you think Bud feels as he leaves the Amod house with his suitcase? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer if possible.

Chapters 5 and 6

How did Bud’s mother feel about the name Bud? What was her intention for naming him Bud?

What do you think Bud’s mother meant when she told him, “When one door closes, don’t worry, because another door opens”?

Chapters 7 and 8

What is Hooperville/Hooverville?

Why do you think the police try to prevent the men from getting on the train?

Chapters 9 and 10

Why does Bud think ideas are like trees?

How does the idea that Herman E. Calloway is Bud’s father blossom?

Chapters 11 and 12

According to Bud’s rule number 29, what should you do when you wake up but aren’t sure where you are?

How do you think Bud feels when he realizes that Herman E. Calloway is very old? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapters 13 and 14

How do you think Bud feels when Jimmy invites him to come to the Sweet Pea to eat ? What makes you say that?

Why do you think Bud begins to cry and cannot stop? What makes you say this?

Chapters 15 and 16

Describe how you think Bud feels when Steady Eddie gives him a recorder?

How do you think Bud likes the new name given to him by the band? Provide proof from the story to support your claim.

Chapters 17 and 18

Do you feel that the band members are prejudiced against white people ? Provide proof from the text to support your claim.

Describe two emotions that Bud feels when he learns that Herman E. Calloway is his grandfather. Explain why Bud has these two feelings.

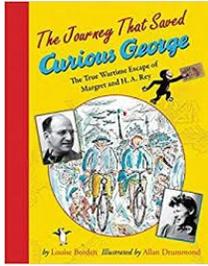
Chapter 19

Why does Bud say that the squeaks and squawks of his saxophone were the closing of one door and the opening of another door ?



### **The Red Pyramid (Graphic Novel) by Rick Riordan**

1. Based on the story, how does the author portray traditional mythological gods and goddesses in a different way than we are used to?
2. Based on the story, how can power serve as both a positive and a negative force in the world?
3. Based on the story, how can the past impact modern characters?
4. Based on the story, how do the characters respond in innovative ways when confronted with new situations and unexpected challenges?



## **The Journey That Saved Curious George by Louise Borden**

1. What are descriptive words Borden uses to give readers the flavor of Hamburg, Germany, the Reys' birthplace? How are Hamburg and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, similar and different?
2. Look at the items on pages 22 and 23. If you wanted to write a story about the Reys and Curious George, what information could you gather from these primary sources? Based on the location of France, why might it have been too dangerous for the Reys' to stay in France?
3. What do we learn about the "largest motorized evacuation in history" from the Reys' journey? What were the hardships of the trip?
4. What caused Curious George to have the power to "save" the Reys' and how were they saved from the Nazis?



## **Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson**

1. Based on evidence from chapter 1, what kind of person is Cole and how does he interact with others?
2. How is the theme of "forgiving is not forgetting" represented by the "cake" metaphor?
3. How does Cole deal with the consequences of his actions?
4. How is Cole affected by being mauled by the bear? How does this change his perspective of events, and his need to be in control?
5. How does Cole's behavior during the Circle of Justice meeting in Chapter 15 influence whether he deserves a second chance?