Middle School Summer Reading Assignments

NAME:

- 1. Choose one of the two novels to read this summer. Circle the title and author below. **Treasure Island** Robert Louis Stevenson OR **The Shakespeare Stealer** by Gary Blackwood
- 2. Pick **two** activities below to complete. Log in to your school IXL account.
- 3. Practice **one** IXL skill for each activity. Keep working until you earn a SmartScore of at least 80. Make sure you pick a skill from **the grade you will be in this fall!** (**To quickly find each skill, type the three-character skill ID into the search bar at the top left of the page**).
- 4. Now, use your book and the skill you learned to complete the activity!

Activity 1: Identify tone and point of view

Skill Name	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Compare passages	ZBZ	6RG	NSM
for tone			
Identify the narrative	TTM	5HK	XL9
point of view			

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Tone		
Textual evidence (include the page)		

Point of View (circle one)	First Person	Second Person	Third Person limited	Third person omniscient
Textual evidence (include the page)				

Activity 2: Build your word knowledge

Skill Name	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Use context to identify	5UB	YEQ	FD7
the meaning of a word			
Use Greek and Latin	N5R	MBU	2NV
roots as clues to the			
meanings of words			
Determine the meaning	GYH	R5L	EQD
of words using			
synonyms in context			

When you encounter an unfamiliar word, write it in the chart below. Look for clues to help you figure out what the word means. Then, use a dictionary to check your answer.

Word	Context	My definition	Actual definition
(and page)	(sentence or paragraph)		

Activity 3: Find examples of figurative language

Skill Name	6 th Grade	7th Grade	8 th Grade
Classify figures of speech	QX9	E9A	WE5
Interpret figures of speech	FWM	D9X	D9X

Embark on a figurative language scavenger hunt! Write the sentence that contains the figure of speech and note the page number where you found it.

Simile	Metaphor	Personification	Alliteration
Allusion	Idiom	Onomatopoeia	Verbal irony

Activity 4: Find evidence that supports a claim

Skill Name	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Choose evidence to	T7W	5GN	BMP
support a claim			
Identify supporting	23B	LZS	8HV
details in informational			
texts			

As you read, complete the graphic organizer with the author's claim and supporting evidence.

Author's Claim	

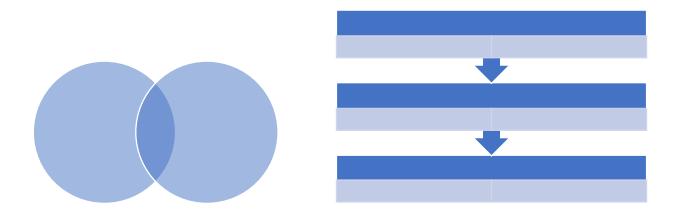
Activity 5: Identify the text structure and main idea

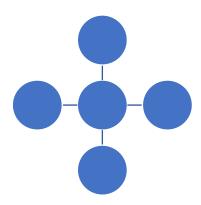
Skill Name	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Organize information by	7BE	LTH	2CA
main idea			
Identify text structures	6G9	JP2	U9K

Identify the text structure and circle your answer.

Description or Classification	Sequence or Chronological	Cause and Effect
Compare and Contrast	Problem and solution	

Create a graphic organizer with information from the text that clearly reflects this structure. (Look at the pictures for examples of different types of graphic organizers.)





Activity 6: Determine the author's purpose

Skill Name	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Identify Author's	GEU	H9h	K5k
Purpose			

Create a catchy headline stating the author's purpose for writing this text.

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