

Summer Reading Assignments

6th Grade

Required

1. *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor
2. *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt

This will be the first major grade that you receive for the 1st quarter in English and Literature. You will be given a test on each novel at the beginning of the first quarter. You must complete the writing assignment below for each of the novels. All assignments must be typed in size 12, Times New Roman.

Assignment for *The Cay*:

Illustrated Timeline-print the attached Illustrated Timeline Worksheet

Assignment for *Tuck Everlasting*:

Think carefully about the statement below and the assignment that follows:

In the novel *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt, members of the Tuck family have taken water from a unique well. This water prevents them from ever changing. They will never grow old; they will never die.

If you had the opportunity, would you drink from this well? Plan and write a 5-paragraph essay in which you develop your thoughts on the question. A 5-paragraph essay contains an Introductory paragraph, 3 body paragraphs, and a Concluding paragraph. For the pre-writing portion of this assignment, print and complete the attached 5-paragraph essay graphic organizer. The graphic organizer does not need to be in complete sentences.

For the second part of the assignment, use the information in your graphic organizer to type a 5-paragraph essay (in complete sentences with good punctuation). This must be size 12, Times New Roman, and double-spaced.

Illustrated Time Line – The Cay

At least one major event takes place in each chapter of *The Cay*. This is the way the author develops the plot.

For this project, **you must print this worksheet**. Create an illustrated time line showing nine major events in the story. First, type the list of the events you will include in your time line. Then in each box below draw your illustrations and label the chapters in which the events happened. **Cut the boxes from this worksheet out and glue them in order on a large piece of construction paper. Remember to glue your typed list of events to your project.**

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