

8th Grade 2018-2019
Summer Reading Response - *The Trials of Apollo: The Hidden Oracle*

Directions:

- 1) For your summer reading, read *The Trials of Apollo: The Hidden Oracle* and complete a reading response. You will need to purchase a physical copy (not electronic) of the book and bring it to school as we will be using the book in the first few weeks of school. Assignment is due August 27, 2018.
- 2) Your response must **STILL** be written in MLA format, including a heading and book citation at the end.
- 3) You will **STILL** write four paragraphs for your response, one paragraph for each of the following areas:
 - a) Global Understanding
 - b) Critical Stance
 - c) Developing Interpretations
 - d) Personal Response
- 4) Each paragraph must be 7-10 sentences in length.
- 5) Be sure to use complete sentences, vary your sentence structure, and check for spelling and grammar.
- 6) Each response is worth 50 points. There will be points taken off for assignments turned in late.

Please answer **ONE** of the following questions for each paragraph.

GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING - (1) What was the most important event in the story? (2) What was the lesson in the story trying to teach? (3) What was the theme or topic of the story? (4) What would be another good title for this story? (5) What were the major conflicts in the story? (6) Summarize the story in 7-10 sentences.

CRITICAL STANCE – (1) Choose a character. How did the author portray the feelings of the characters? Give examples from the story. (2) How does the author make the story seem real? (3) Compare this story to another one from the same author. (4) Tell how the setting affected the character's actions. 5. Compare this story to a real life situation.

DEVELOPING INTERPRETATIONS - (1) Choose a character. How did that character change throughout the story? (2) What steps did the character take to solve the problem? (3) Choose 2 characters. How are they the same (**OR** different)? (4) How are the story words we learned about in class incorporated or used in this story? (Think types of character, types of conflict, and elements of plot).

PERSONAL RESPONSE - (1) Compare a character to someone you know. (2) What actions would you have taken if you had this problem? (3) Choose a character. What advice would you give to him/her? (4) Have you ever had a conflict like this? Tell about it. (5) Choose a character. What mistakes do you think they made? **OR** What do you think they did right?

Reading Response Sample Rubric

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<p>Global Understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The paragraph was well developed (beginning with intro sentence), uses appropriate transitions (not repetitive), and varied sentence structure. -The paragraph contains relevant information to the questions asked for Global Understanding. -The paragraph contains 7-10 sentences. -No personal pronouns or the words you or your are used. -Avoids this, that, these, and those in concluding sentence. 	<p>10 8 6 4 2</p>
<p>Critical Stance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The paragraph was well developed (beginning with intro sentence), uses appropriate transitions (not repetitive), and varied sentence structure. -The paragraph contains relevant information to the questions asked for Critical Stance. -The paragraph contains 7-10 sentences. -No personal pronouns or the words you or your are used. -Avoids this, that, these, and those in concluding sentence. 	<p>10 8 6 4 2</p>
<p>Developing Interpretations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The paragraph was well developed (beginning with intro sentence), uses appropriate transitions (not repetitive), and varied sentence structure. -The paragraph contains relevant information to the questions asked for Developing Interpretations. -The paragraph contains 7-10 sentences. -No personal pronouns or the words you or your are used. -Avoids this, that, these, and those in concluding sentence. 	<p>10 8 6 4 2</p>
<p>Personal Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The paragraph was well developed (beginning with intro sentence), uses appropriate transitions (not repetitive), and varied sentence structure. -The paragraph contains relevant information to the questions asked for Personal Response. -The paragraph contains 7-10 sentences. -The words you and your are avoided. -Avoids this, that, these, and those in concluding sentence. 	<p>10 8 6 4 2</p>
<p>The writing conventions add to the quality of the assignment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -All directions were followed. (rough draft, font, size, spacing, etc.) -There are no spelling errors. -Grammar is correct. -Punctuation is correct. -MLA format was followed. (heading, works cited, size, font, spacing) 	<p>10 8 6 4 2</p>

Additional Comments