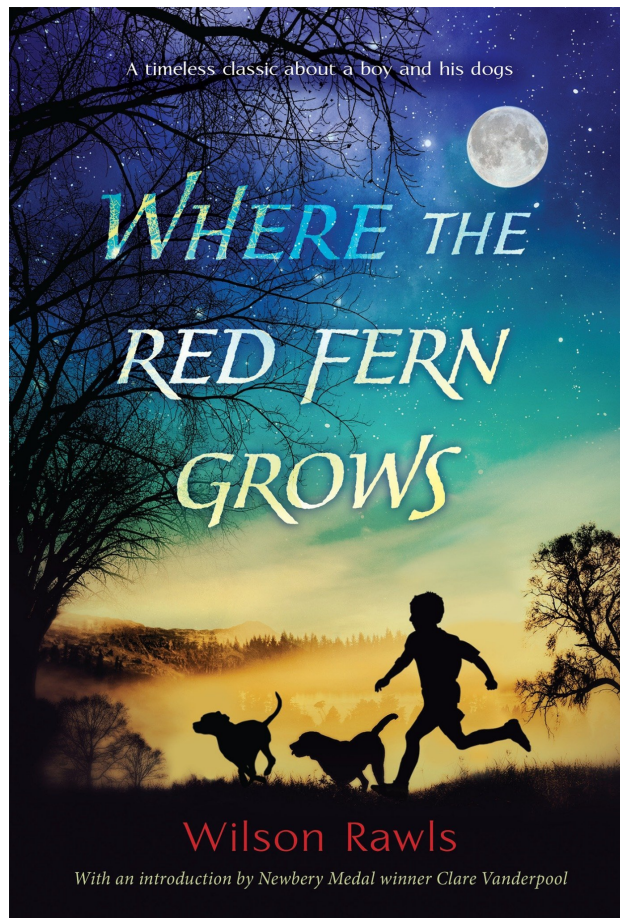


Ascension Academy 6th-Grade Summer Reading Assignment

1. Purchase and read *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls. This book is available in paperback at Barnes & Noble, Amazon, and many other booksellers.
2. Complete the Double-Entry Journal Assignment and bring it to class on the first day of school in August.



Summer Reading Journal-6th Grade

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Directions: Create a double-entry journal for each chapter of the novel. In the left-hand column, write a brief summary (3 sentences or less) for each of the chapters. In the right-hand column, write an observation about the chapter, using one of the sentence starters to help you begin each entry. Try to use as many of the sentence starters as possible. You may use the same sentence starter more than once, but do not use the same one for every entry. As an example, the entry for Chapter 1 is provided for you.

Sentence Starters:

Section 1: Text Connections:

- This reminds me of ...
- I experienced this once when ...
- I can relate this text to _____(name other text here) because ...
- This text connects to the world around me because ...

Section 2: Big Ideas:

- One conclusion that I'm drawing is ...
- I believe the theme of this novel is _____ because ...
- I think the purpose of this text is to (persuade, entertain, inform) because ...

Section 3: Visualizing:

- I can imagine ...
- I can picture in my head ...
- Based on the author's description of _____, I see ...

Section 4: Revising Assumptions:

- At first I thought _____, but now I ...
- My latest thought about this is ...

Section 5: Predicting:

- Based on what _____ said, I predict ...
- Based on...(a clue), I predict that ...
- I think the next part will be about _____ because ...

Section 6" Questioning:

- I wonder why ...
- What if ...
- How come ...
- How did ...
- What might...
- Why is ...
- What caused ...

| | Chapter Summaries | Observations |
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| 1 | As he leaves his office, a man sees a dog fight. He takes one of the dogs home to clean him up and feed him. This incident reminds the man of a time in his childhood when he had two dogs. | I think the next part will be a flashback, because the incident with the injured dog seems to bring up some good memories of the man's boyhood and the dogs he once had. (Section 5: Predicting) |
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