

Green Woods Charter School

Summer Language Arts Assignment

Rising 7th Graders

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Hello Parents and Students!

As you know, reading is very important to a student's future. The higher the level of literacy, the greater the opportunities students will have in education.

This summer, I am assigning the rising 7th grade the novel, The Misfits, by James Howe. This is a story about four 7th grade, self proclaimed 'misfits' who set out to tackle injustice, stereotyping and name-calling in their small town school. It's a funny, uplifting story that encourages young people to celebrate their individuality. You can purchase the book at many book stores. Here is the link to purchase the book on Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.com/Misfits-James-Howe/dp/0689839561>

I am attaching a reading guide for each student to complete as they read. This will be due at the beginning of the first Language Arts class.

Have a wonderful and relaxing summer!

Yours sincerely,

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The Misfits Reading Guide

Directions: Answer these questions as you read *The Misfits*. Write in complete sentences. You may type or handwrite your answers on a separate piece of paper. You will hand this in at the beginning of our first Language Arts class.

Chapters 1 - 3

1. Who are the members of the Gang of Five?
2. Why is each member of Bobby's group considered an outcast?
3. What is the purpose of the Friday Forum, which becomes the Floating Forum?

Chapters 4 - 6

4. What does Joe find on his locker and how does he react to it?
5. What happens when Addie refuses to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?
6. Why does Addie want to start the Freedom Party?

Chapters 7 - 9

7. Does Bobby feel that Paintbrush Falls is a good fit for his friends? Why or why not?
8. Why is Tonni upset that Addie asks DuShawn to be a part of the Freedom Party?
9. How does DuShawn come to change his mind about running as president of the Freedom Party?

Chapters 10 - 12

10. How does DuShawn's attitude about race differ from Skeezie and Addie's attitudes about it?
11. How does Mr. Kellerman treat Bobby?
12. What does Joe reveal to Skeezie and Bobby?

Chapters 13 - 15

13. Why does Mr. Kiley disband the Freedom Party?
14. How have Addie, Joe, Skeezie, and Bobby been affected by the names they've been called over the years?
15. How does the Gang of Five plan to announce their new political party?

Chapters 16 - 18

16. Why does Addie believe that she and Colin are going out with each other?
17. What causes Bobby to think about his mother's death?
18. How was Bobby's mother different from his father?

Chapters 19 - 21

19. How does the No-Name Party become the official third political party in Paintbrush Falls Middle School?
20. How does Bobby relate to Mr. Kellerman after he learns of his mother's death?
21. Why does Addie have trouble writing her campaign speech?

Chapters 22 - 24

22. How does Bobby's relationship with Kelsey begin to change?
23. Why is Addie so confused about Colin?
24. Why does Addie decide that Bobby should give the speech for student council elections?

Chapters 25 - 27

25. How does Bobby feel before it's time to give his speech?
26. Why does Bobby mention Addie and the other members of the Gang of Five in his speech?
27. What are three surprising outcomes that occur after Bobby's speech?

Chapters 28 - 30

28. Why did the Republicans win the election?
29. How did the No Name Party do in the election?

30. How did life change for each of the main characters after the election?