

Summer Reading Book Study Assignment

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

Incoming 6th Grade – Catholic School

As you read *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen, think about how the characters make choices, show courage, respect God's creation, and demonstrate responsibility toward others. Complete the following assignments and be prepared to discuss the novel when school begins.

1. Highlight the main idea and important information in each chapter as you read. Every chapter should contain highlighted information that you can use during class discussions.
2. Circle words that you do not know. Keep a vocabulary list with definitions. If no words are circled, your teacher will expect you to know the meaning of the words used throughout the novel.
3. Create a character list. Sort characters into two categories: Main Characters and Minor Characters. Add to your list as you read.
4. Create a setting log. List all important locations described or mentioned in the story and explain why each setting is important.
5. What is the main conflict of the story? Describe it in at least 5 complete sentences.
6. What is the climax of the story? Describe the event and explain why it is the turning point in at least 5 complete sentences.
7. List 10 important events from the rising action that lead to the climax.
8. List 10 important events from the falling action that occur after the climax.
9. What is the resolution of the story? Explain how the conflict is resolved in at least 10 complete sentences.
10. What do you believe is the author's purpose for writing this novel? Support your answer with examples from the text.
11. What genre would you place this book in? Explain your answer using evidence from the story.
12. Describe the mood of the novel. How does the author create this mood?
13. Describe the author's tone. Include examples from the text that support your answer.
14. Write a summary of the entire novel in 20 complete sentences.
15. Write a book critique in 10 complete sentences. Explain what you liked or disliked about the book and whether you would recommend it to another student.
16. Catholic Reflection: *Hoot* focuses on protecting wildlife and caring for the environment. Explain in one well-developed paragraph how the story connects to the Catholic teaching of stewardship—our responsibility to care for God's creation.