

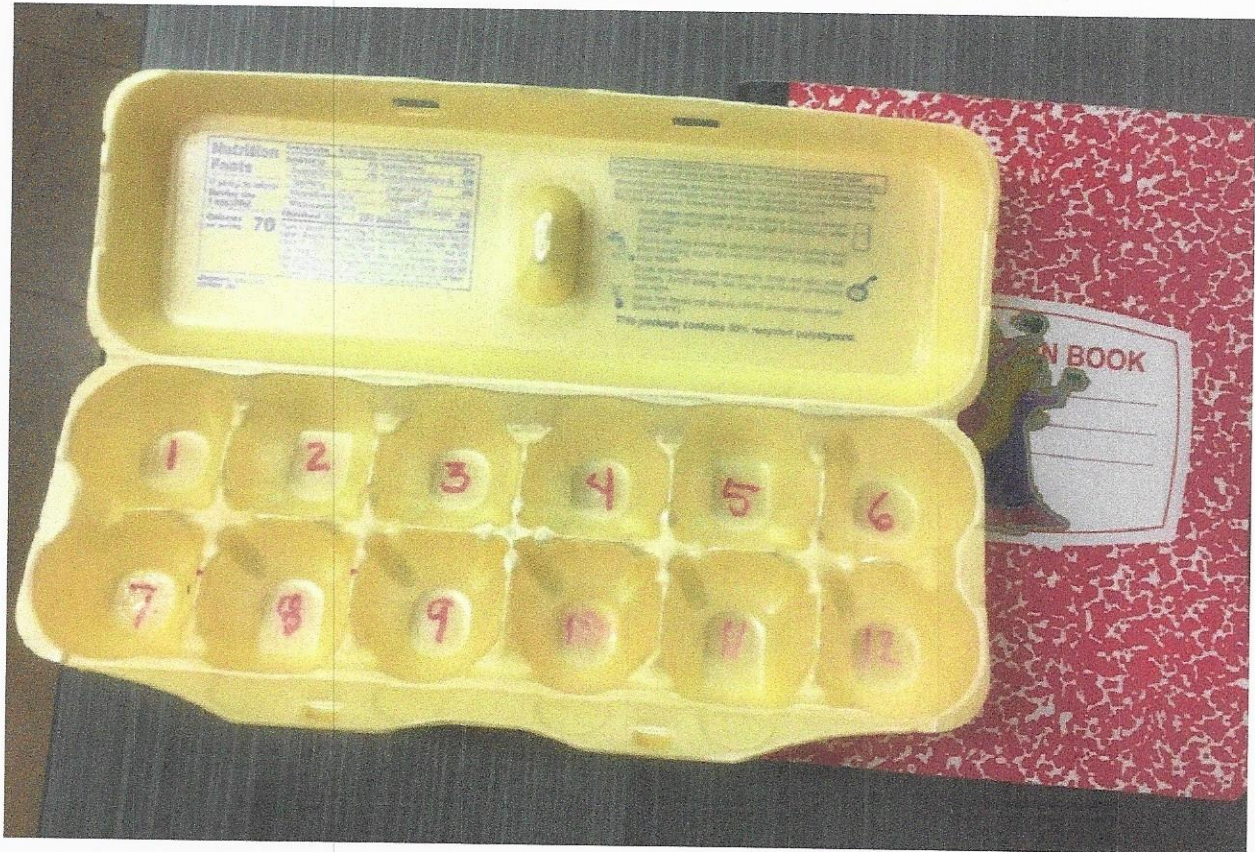
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Dear Parents,

Summer bridging for incoming sixth grade students consists of Reading and Writing requirements.

Students need to read three books throughout the summer. One non-fiction book of choice and one fiction book of choice. They will complete a very simple book report to confirm completion of this assignment. They will also read *Holes* by Louis Sachar and complete the accompanying reading comprehension skill sheets.

For their writing requirement, students will complete twelve Summer Experience entries in a writing journal or on loose leaf paper. The genesis for their writing entries will be items they collect and keep in an egg carton. In complete sentences, each journal entry should describe the item they found and/or the experience surrounding finding the item. All entries should be a minimum of five sentences.



I wish your family a fun-filled summer of exploring and learning in the great outdoors!

Looking forward to seeing you in the fall,

Mrs. Gasior

Name: _____

Holes

Who said it?

Tell which character is speaking for each quote below. Choose from the characters in the box. All characters will not be used.



| | | | |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Stanley | Mr. Sir | Zero | Warden |
| X-Ray | Trout Walker | Kate Barlow | Mr. Pendanski |

- "I used to smoke a pack a day. Now I eat a sack of these every week."

- "I've been here for almost a year. I've never found anything. You know, my eyesight's not so good."

- "I didn't know they were his. I just thought they were somebody's old shoes. It was better to take someone's old shoes, I thought, than steal a pair of new ones."

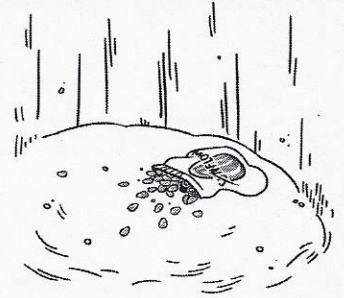
- "This is my special nail polish. Do you see the dark rich color? You can't buy that in a store. I have to make it myself."

- "I sure hope you like to dig. 'Cause you're gonna be digging for a long time. It's a big vast wasteland out there. You, and your children, and their children, can dig for the next hundred years and you'll never find it."

Name: _____

H OLES

Cause and Effect



A **cause** is why something happened. An **effect** is what happened as a result of the cause.

In the book *Holes*, many of the events were caused by a particular action. On the line below match the cause to the correct event that followed.

Cause

Effect

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| _____ 1. | Elyna Yates didn't keep his promise to Madame Zeroni. | a. | Stanley found a gold tube with the initials KB on it. |
| _____ 2. | The Warden destroyed Zero's files. | b. | Zero found shade in the heat of the desert. |
| _____ 3. | Stanley's father was working on a cure for foot odor. | c. | A curse of bad luck was placed on the Yelnat's family. |
| _____ 4. | Stanley was forced to dig holes at Camp Green Lake. | d. | The boys' were not bit by the yellow-spotted lizards. |
| _____ 5. | Trout Walker's boat smashed into Sam's boat. | e. | Zero was released from Camp Green Lake. |
| _____ 6. | In the desert, Stanley and Zero lived off onions. | f. | Stanley took a pair of stinky shoes that hit him on the head. |

Name: _____

Holes

Whole Book Questions



**Part 1: Choose the best answer for each question.
Write the letter on the line.**

1. _____ Why did Stanley get sent to Camp Green Lake?

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| a. stealing sneakers | b. stealing treasure |
| c. hurting someone | d. not going to school |

2. _____ At camp, what was Stanley's nickname?

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| a. Lump | b. Mama's boy |
| c. Zigzag | d. Caveman |

3. _____ What was the scariest thing at Camp Green Lake?

| | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| a. rattlesnakes | b. yellow-spotted lizards |
| c. scorpions | d. the heat |

4. _____ What did Zero ask Stanley to teach him?

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| a. how to count | b. how to make friends |
| c. how to read | d. how to be kind |

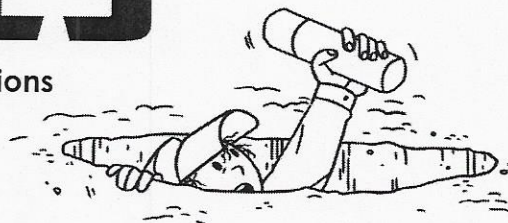
5. _____ Whose treasure was thought to be buried around Camp Green Lake?

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| a. The Warden's | b. Sam, the onion man |
| c. Kate Barlow's | d. Stanley's great-great-great-grandfather's |

Name: _____

H^{OLE}LES

Whole Book Questions



Part 2: Answer the questions below.

6. Explain Stanley's first failed attempt to save Zero. _____

7. How did Zero and Stanley survive in the desert? _____

8. How was the Yelnats' family curse finally lifted? _____

Part 3: Match each character to the correct description. Write the letter on the correct line.

9. _____ The Warden

a. baseball player whose shoes were stolen

10. _____ Mr. Sir

b. has very poor vision

11. _____ X-Ray

c. makes rattlesnake venom nail polish

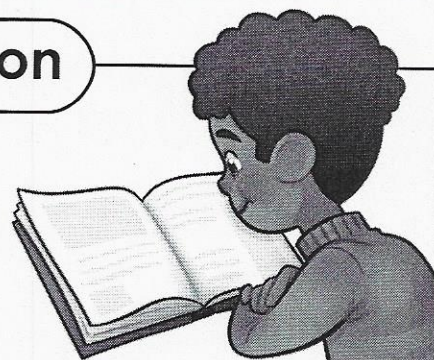
12. _____ Clyde Livingston

d. always eats sunflower seeds

Name: _____

Date: _____

Book Report: Non-Fiction



title: _____

author: _____

This book was _____ number of pages: _____
(easy, just right, hard)

Describe what the book is about.

List three interesting facts you learned from this book.

1. _____

2. _____

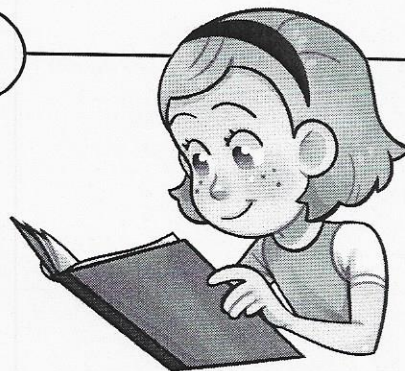
3. _____

Did you like this book? Tell why or why not. _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Book Report: Fiction



title: _____

author: _____

This story was _____ number of pages: _____
(easy, just right, hard)

Describe what happened in the beginning of the story.

Describe what happened in the middle of the story.

Describe what happened at the end of the story.

Did you like this book? Tell why or why not. _____
