

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN  
SUMMER READING LIST: 2022  
STUDENTS ENTERING THE 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**REQUIRED BOOK** (to be studied in class the first nine weeks):

*The Wednesday Wars, Schmidt (5.9 RL)*

Read the above novel very carefully and be prepared to participate in activities related to this book. Students should annotate for figurative devices, vocabulary, THEMES, characters, plot, etc. Annotating the material will make the study of the novel easier for the students.

Be prepared to take an AR Test on this selection the week after we return to school.

Also, students will be required to take a written test on *The Wednesday Wars* the second week of school. **TAKE NOTES ON THIS BOOK BECAUSE YOU MAY USE THEM IN ORDER TO TAKE THE TEST.**

You may **HANDWRITE** or **COMPUTER GENERATE YOUR NOTES**.

Do NOT, however, share your notes with any other student. Before I give the test, I will CHECK YOUR NOTES.

**Note: Some example questions include the following and more:**

What is the MAJOR THEME of this novel? Pages 37, 48

What is the SETTING of the novel? (Year, Place)

What is the TRIGGERING EVENT of the story? Page 39

Who is the PROTAGONIST? Who are his best friends? Who are the other major characters?

Who is Mrs. Baker? Does she really **HATE** Holling?

Identify the following **LITERARY DEVICES** (On the test I will include the following devices: simile, metaphor, personification, hyperbole, irony, onomatopoeia, alliteration, allusion):

1. "Of all the kids in the seventh grade at Camillo Junior High, there was one kid **that Mrs. Baker hated with heat whiter than the sun.**" (Device; what is being compared?)
2. "This look came over her face like the sun had winked out and was not going to shine again until next June."  
(Major device; what is being compared?)
3. "Hiss," said Caliban, and jumped out from the cages.  
"Screech," said Sycorax, and jumped down from the counter.  
"Hiss," said Caliban again, and jumped down from the counter... (Device)
4. "He had hands as large as shovels..."(2 devices)
5. *Beware the Ides of March.* (Device)
6. Irony at the bottom of page 82.
7. "So I was still awake when the dawn started to think about showing herself...the stream rippled happily..."

**REMEMBER: THE ABOVE EXAMPLES ARE ONLY EXAMPLES; I MIGHT CHOOSE OTHERS LIKE THEM.**

What are 4 Shakespearean "curses" that Holling knows and uses?

Who is Shylock from the Shakespearean play *The Merchant of Venice*? How does Shylock relate to the major theme of this novel? (Page 48)

What war is occurring during this novel?

In what point of view is this novel written? Who is the narrator?

The CLIMAX of the story occurs when Holling...page (260; climax relates to the theme)

5 Shakespearean plays referenced in this novel.

Who are Sycorax and Caliban, both in Shakespeare and in this novel?

Explain the MAJOR CONFLICT in the novel: man vs. man: Holling vs. himself

THE ABOVE QUESTIONS ARE JUST EXAMPLES OF THE KINDS OF QUESTIONS I MIGHT ASK. However, the above questions will probably be on the test, so I would start with them.

IF I WERE YOU, I WOULD READ THE NOVEL VERY CAREFULLY! YOU MAY NOT USE THE BOOK TO TAKE THE TEST; YOU MAY USE YOUR NOTES ONLY.

HAPPY READING! I LOVE THIS BOOK!