Summer Reading 2023
Instructions

The summer vacation period is a wonderful time for students to have a short break from attending school every day, but a great opportunity to keep learning. Our summer reading program is targeted to help students continue to enhance their reading skills during the months of June, July, and August.

This year, we will be providing your child with a hard copy book to read over the Summer 😊

Incoming 8th Grade Summer Reading Book is *Journey to the Center of the Earth* by Jules Verne.

Your child will be responsible for reading their book and completing the assignments provided in this packet.

**Please bring in all work on the first day of school, as it will count as a grade for the first quarter. (Your child does not need to return the book)**

Throughout the summer, if you have any questions, please call the main office at (305) 231-4888.

*Please sign, and return on the first day of school, along with the completed assignments.*

Student’s Name: _______________________________________

Parent’s Signature: _____________________________________
Journey to the Center of the Earth
Vocabulary Study Guide

armor: covering that protects the body in battle

encases: to enclose, as in a case

extinct: no longer alive on Earth

hideous: very ugly

plunged: moved sharply in a downward direction

serpent: snake or snake-like monster
| hideous   | encases   | plunged | armor   | extinct | serpent |

Write the correct word in front of each definition.

__________ covering that protects the body
__________ in battle
__________ to enclose, as in a case
__________ no longer alive on Earth
__________ very ugly

__________ moved sharply in a downward
direction
__________ snake or snake-like monster

Write the word that makes each sentence complete.

1. Dinosaurs are now ____________.

2. The mountain ____________ the valley below.

3. The children ____________ into the deep water.

4. The knight is wearing a suit of ____________.

5. That is a ____________ mask!

6. The ____________ slithered across the grass.
Focusing on the plot structure:

Main Events of Rising Action:

Protagonist's Conflict:

Elements of suspense:

Exposition:

Setting:
Narrative Perspective:
Characters introduced:
Opening Events:

Climax:
Greatest point of tension/action:

Falling Action:

Resolution:

How is the conflict resolved?

Ending:

How is the protagonist changed?
What did the raft that the adventurers were traveling on hit?

a. The raft hit a rock that was hidden in the deep ocean.
b. The raft that the adventurers were traveling on hit the very center of the Earth.
c. The raft hit a great black mass, which Harry described as being a monster.

Answer:  

Why were the walls and the roof of the cave invisible to Professor von Hardwigg, Hans, and Harry?

a. The walls and the roof of the cave were invisible to them because it is an imaginary story, and the author didn't put walls or a roof in the cave.
b. They were invisible to them because it was such an enormous cave that they couldn't see the top or the sides of it.
c. The walls and the roof of the cave were invisible to them because they were magic.

Answer:  

Imagine you are Harry. Write a short diary entry to explain how you descended down to the deep ocean.

Monday, August 19.

Who fired a shot at the creatures?

a. Hans fired a shot at the creatures.
b. Harry fired a shot at the creatures.
c. No one fired a shot at the creatures; Harry was going to, but Hans told him to wait.

Answer:  

‘There seems no hope for us.’ What happened that gave Harry, Hans, and Professor von Hardwigg hope of surviving the encounter with the creatures?
Why were Professor von Hardwigg, Hans, and Harry the first humans to ever see the ichthyosaurus and plesiosaurus?

a. They were the first humans to see them because they were the first humans to journey to the center of the Earth.
b. They were the first to see them because they had been extinct for millions of years.
c. They weren’t the first humans to ever see the ichthyosaurus and plesiosaurus.

Answer:

Choose either the ichthyosaurus or the plesiosaurus. Using the descriptions from the story, draw and label one of the creatures.

What happened to Professor von Hardwigg, Hans, and Harry during the battle?

a. Professor von Hardwigg, Hans, and Harry were thrown off their raft during the battle.
b. Professor von Hardwigg, Hans, and Harry were drowned during the battle.
c. Professor von Hardwigg, Hans, and Harry almost capsized in the battle because of the enormous waves created by the fighting creatures.

Answer:

Did the ichthyosaurus or the plesiosaurus win the battle? Use information from the story to explain your answer.

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