

INCOMING EIGHTH GRADE
SUMMER READING & WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Assignment: Read Bull Run by Paul Fleischman and answer the questions on this sheet concerning the novel.

Rubric:

1. Answers must be written in complete sentences in paragraph form.
2. Each answer should begin with a topic or introductory sentence that clearly presents the question being addressed. When phrasing this introduction, pretend that the reader has no prior knowledge of the question.
3. Answers must include supporting details from the text. Examples and text references are required. Direct quotations may be used but they are not required.
4. Make sure each answer is complete and includes the information requested. This will require a MIMIMUM of six sentences for each answer. Question 2 will require a longer response.

Grading: This assignment will be graded and the grade included in your reading grade for the first marking period. It is worth 100 points.

The grade will be based on:

- i. meeting the above requirements,
- ii. the quality of the response, including completeness and accuracy,
- iii. quality of the writing, such as sentence structure and clarity,
- iv. grammar,
- v. punctuation, and
- vi. timeliness.

Due date: This assignment is due the first day of school.

Questions:

1. What is your opinion of the way the author set up the story and the characters?
2. Do the characters seem real to you? Are they realistic in their thinking and actions? Are their reactions to people and problems what you would expect?
3. Did the strong descriptive language of the author enhance the story?
4. What is the novel's theme? Specifically, what is the author's message and why do you think he wrote this story?