

Sixth Grade  
Summer Reading Assignment 2009

Island of Blue Dolphins  
Scott O'Dell

**Directions:** After completing your reading of Island of Blue Dolphins, please answer the following questions about the book. Answer all questions in *complete sentences* and *type* your answers.

1. Is the Island of Blue Dolphins a story of 1) survival, 2) loneliness, or 3) eighteen years of a girl's life? Explain your answer.
2. What does the title mean?
3. Select six adjectives that describe Karana at the start of the story. Select another six adjective that describe her at the close of the book.
4. Island of the Blue Dolphins is categorized as historical fiction. Historical fiction means that the novel is based on historically correct events but the actual events and characters in the story are created by the author. Why is historical fiction a correct category for Island of the Blue Dolphins? What other pieces of historical fiction have you read?