

RIVER OAKS

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Welcome to the sixth grade!

I am excited about meeting you and exploring literature with you in the River Oaks Middle School.

This summer, please read *The Summer of the Monkeys* by Wilson Rawls. Then answer the questions on the attached study guide.

This study guide will be due Friday, August 18, 2017, and it will be graded.

Have a great summer,

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Middle School Reading Teacher

1. Identify these people. Tell who they are and why they were important to the story.
 - a. Jay Berry
 - b. Daisy
 - c. Rowdy
 - d. Sally
 - e. Gandy
 - f. Jimbo
2. Where and when did the story take place?
3. Describe Jay Berry's home and family. How did his Papa and Grandpa make a living?
4. What is Daisy's problem, and how can it be solved?
5. Jay Berry likes to _____ while Daisy likes to _____.
6. Explain these supernatural elements:
 - a. fairy ring
 - b. Old Man of the Mountain
7. What does Jay Berry want most in life?
8. What are the bottoms?
9. Where did the monkeys come from?

10. Why does Jay Berry try to catch the monkeys?

11. What happens when Jay Berry tries to catch the monkeys with

- a. Traps
- b. Sling shot
- c. Butterfly net
- d. Friendship and apples
- e. Coconuts

12. Why does Daisy think that Jay Berry and Rowdy have hydrophobia?

13. What things did the monkeys take from Jay Berry? What did they return?

14. Jay Berry and Grandpa drive a _____ to _____, Oklahoma to read about _____ in the _____.

15. After the storm, Daisy finds a fairy ring in the woods. What does each family member wish for in the fairy ring?

- f. Daisy
- g. Mama
- h. Papa
- i. Jay Berry

16. Explain how Jay Berry finally catches the monkeys.

17. How much money does Jay Berry receive as a reward?

18. Compare the two ponies that Grandpa brought home for Jay Berry to consider buying.
19. Why did Grandpa buy the paint pony?
20. Which pony did Jay Berry choose? Why?
21. What did Jay Berry do with his money?
22. How long were Mama and Daisy away from home?
23. What gifts does Jay Berry receive at the end of the story?
24. What does Daisy want to do when she gets home?
25. What was the climax of the story?
26. What was the theme of the story?