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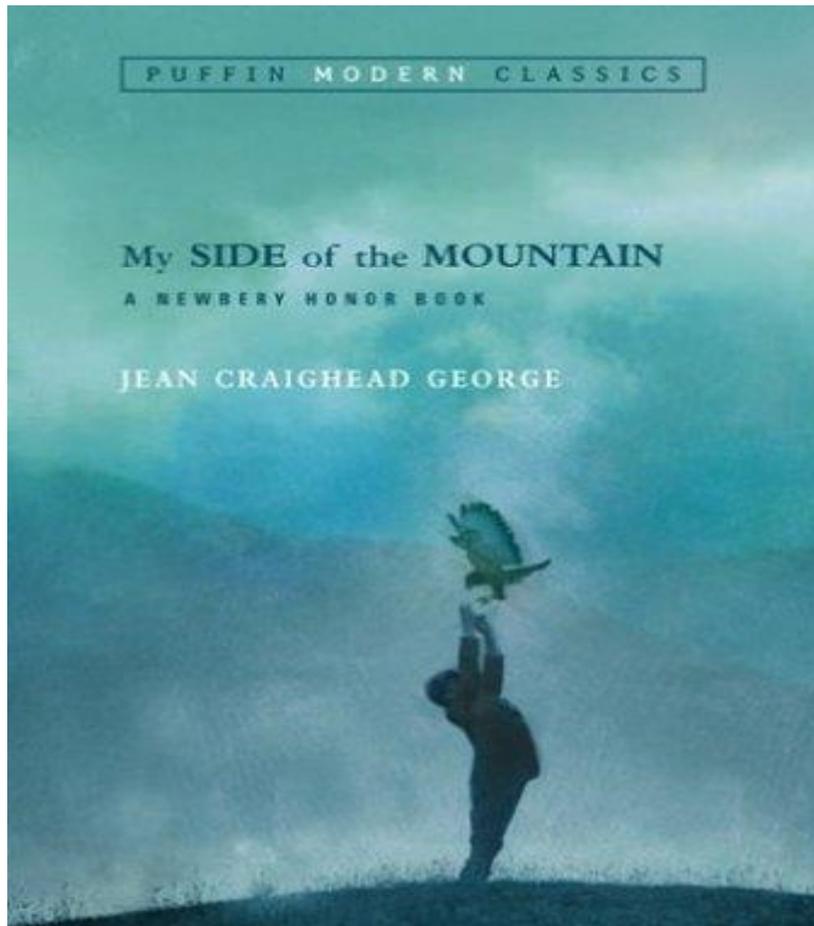
6th Grade Summer Reading Packet 2021

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Hello, my name is Ms. Iser and I will be teaching your 6th grader next year for Reading. For our summer novel we will be reading, My Side of the Mountain, please have your child begin early so they have plenty of time. You may check this book out at a local library, purchase it or I will have a few copies that can be checked out at the main school office this summer. You will want to print out this packet, and have your child answer the questions on the next 3 pages. I will check my email occasionally throughout the summer. If you have any questions, email me. (diser@victory.com)

These questions will be turned in on Thursday, September 2, 2021. Please do not turn in before this date. Points will be deducted for late work. There will be an exception for new students that enroll AFTER July. Late enrollees will need to have the book read and questions answered by September 13, 2021.

The Summer Packet will count on the student's first quarter grade as a test grade. After the book is read, students need to answer all questions including the last question on Page 4. This states that they *did* or *did not* read the entire book. Points will be deducted for not completing the book. Listening to the audio or watching the movie, does not count. These may be done following the reading. The book must be read. *Looking forward to seeing you in August.*



Strategic Questions for My Side of the Mountain

Please answer in NEATLY written complete sentences with correct spelling, capital letters, and punctuation.

1. Before reading, explain if you were to spend a couple of days in the wilderness, tell what you would pack, where you would go, and how you would survive.

2. Draw the tree house described in Chapter 3 with details.



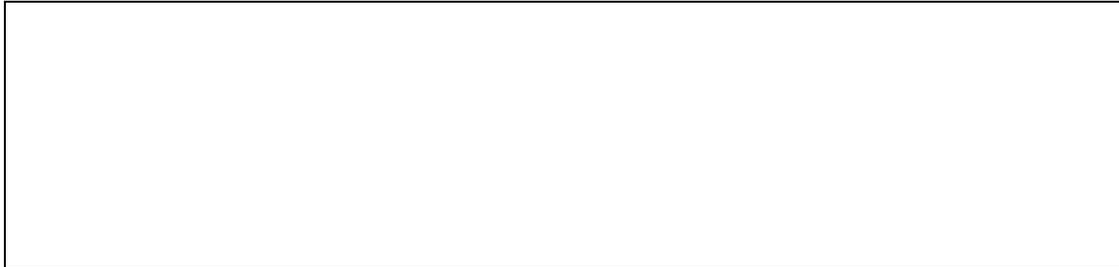
3. Everyone laughs at the boy when he tells that he's running away from home. How do you think he felt when they laughed at him? Tell of a time when you felt the way the boy must have felt. Describe what happen and how you felt.

4. Describe how Sam used the tree in Chapter 5. What are some other ways a person could use wood from a tree if he were out in the wilderness alone?

5. Sam uses various survival skills to make a home in the wilderness. Make a list of five skills he uses. Explain which skill is most important and why you think it's important.

6. Similes and metaphors are words that compare using "like" or "as". (I was as hungry as a bear.) Using like or as, write a simile or metaphor about an animal you know about. _____

7. Draw and label a picture of what Sam did with the deer hide once it was tanned.



8. Sam made a certain beverage in Chapter 12. Describe the beverage he made. How would you improve this drink for yourself? Also, tell about and describe how to make one of your favorite beverages that you enjoy in the summer. _____

9. The author writes "September blazed a trail into the mountain". Describe the fall season around you. Compare fall to another season of the year in at least 2 ways.

10. Toward the end of his year alone, what challenges from nature does Sam face? How could you determine if he was able to cope with these problems?

11. During winter and spring, Sam has several human visitors. Describe how he feels and give examples from the book that proves it is how he feels. _____

12. In what ways does Sam’s personality seem unusual compared to other people of his age? Compare (alike) Sam’s personality to your personality. Contrast (different) Sam’s personality to your personality.

13. In the book, did you see any spiritual lessons Sam learned? Describe the lesson and give a scripture that would encourage Sam.

14. Writers often foreshadow, or give clues about, what will happen next. Here are three events from Sam's story:

- * Sam seeks out a friendship with Aaron.
- * Sam enjoys Tom's stories about kids in town.
- * Sam gets tired of writing in his journal, and goes to the library to get books to read.

Based on foreshadowing, explain your thoughts about what these major changes foreshadow?

15. Evaluate this book. How would you rate this book? Give a rating scale and choose how you would evaluate it. Explain your personal rating and how you feel the book could be improved.

RATING SCALE

Honor question:

Did you read the entire book, My Side of the Mountain?

_____ Yes

_____ No