

5th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Book: The Phantom Tollbooth (audio book is okay, as long as you have a book to follow along)

Assignment: Create a Google Doc for this assignment. You may copy the questions into your document and type your responses directly beneath each one. As you read the novel over the summer, write a brief response to each study question. These questions are designed to guide your reading and help you prepare for class discussions.

You may also find it helpful to take additional notes while reading. Notes can be taken on loose-leaf paper or sticky notes—whatever works best for you.

Formatting requirements:

- Double-spaced
- 12-point font
- Arial or Times New Roman only

Phantom Tollbooth Comprehension Questions

Chapters 1 – 5

1. How does Milo feel about his life at the beginning?
2. Why does Milo decide to use the tollbooth?
3. What happens when Milo isn't paying attention?
4. What lesson does Milo learn about expectations?
5. Who is King Azaz and what is his kingdom like?
6. What problem exists in the kingdom?
7. How are words used in the marketplace?
8. Why does Milo get into trouble?
9. What is Milo accused of during the trial?
10. Why is the trial unfair?

Chapter 6 – 10

1. Who is Faintly Macabre and why is she imprisoned?
2. What quest does Milo accept?

3. What is unusual about the banquet?
4. What does Milo learn about words?
5. How is the Humbug different from Tock?
6. What does Milo think about traveling with them?
7. Who is Alec Bings and how is he different?
8. What strange things happen in the forest?
9. What happens when Milo jumps to Conclusions?
10. What lesson does Milo learn?

Chapters 11 – 15

1. Who are Dischord and Dynne?
2. What does Milo learn about sound and noise?
3. Why is the valley silent?
4. What happens when Milo speaks?
5. What lesson does Milo learn about silence?
6. What challenges do Milo and his friends face?
7. What does Milo learn about perseverance?
8. What are the Doldrums?
9. Why does Milo get stuck there?
10. What are the Mountains of Ignorance?

Chapters 16 – 20

1. Who is Chroma the Great?
2. What lesson does Milo learn about responsibility?
3. What challenges do they face climbing?
4. Where are Rhyme and Reason?
5. How does Milo reach them?
6. What happens after they are rescued?
7. How does the kingdom change?
8. Why is their return important?
9. How has Milo changed?
10. What is the main message of the story?