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Mandatory Summer Reading Assignment Incoming Grade 6

Students are required to read one fiction novel, *Heat*, and may read another book for extra credit.

1. The fiction novel is ***Heat*** by Mike Lupica. Attached you will find the assignment for this novel (2 parts). This project must be submitted on or before September 27, 2019 to your sixth grade ELA teacher.

***This assignment will be counted towards your 1st marking period average as a “project” grade.**

Heat is a young adult novel written by Mike Lupica and published in 2006. Focusing on the Little League baseball culture of New York City, the novel follows Michael Arroyo, a pitching phenom and Cuban immigrant, as he pursues a trip to the Little League World Series.

Heat
By Mike Lupica

Part 1: On separate loose-leaf paper, answer the following questions in short response form:

1. From the description of a famous landmark, where does the story take place? What is the landmark?

2. What is the conflict that changes Mrs. Cora's peaceful day?

3. What simile does the author use to describe "the fat cop" chasing Ramon?

4. Who is Papi to Michael?

5. Where do you think Michael's dad is? Use the foreshadowing clues on pages 13-14 to make a prediction or guess about Papi's location.

6. What literary device does the author use to describe summer days in the last paragraph on page 15.

On summer days, the kind that seemed to have no clock on them except the setting sun, the kind you never wanted to end, Michael and his friends usually had the ...field to themselves.

7. Why do you think El Grande has not lost a game since his family left Cuba last month?

8. What type of figurative language in English is especially difficult for those who learn it as a second language?

9. What does the term "sour grapes" mean?

10. How does Uncle Timo surprise Michael? List the changes as you read the beginning of chapter 21.

11. How does Uncle Timo convince Mr. Gibbs that he is Michael's father?

12. Through the middle of the novel, Mr. Gibbs was written as a threat, being an "Official Person." How does he become a hero for Michael and Carlos?

13. What changes had to be made to the playing field in the Stadium? Why?

14. What do you suppose the Yankee owner means when he tells Michael, "We expect to see a lot more of you from now on."

Part 2: Make believe you're a sports reporter. Write a 1 page article about Michael's journey throughout the book. Make sure to use at least 10 of the key vocabulary words (listed below) discussed in the novel. Underline each vocabulary word used in your article.

Heat vocabulary

The words are listed with the (page number) in parentheses!

Chapters 1-14

Constants (1)
Stadium (3)
Sprinter (4)
Platform (8)
Announcers (12)
Agile (23)
Ritual (27)
Flourish (9)
Infinity (18)
Coherent (45)
Inevitable (78)

Chapters 14-28

Felled (102)
Stifle (208)
Resentful (136)
Concourse (109)
Confession (114)
Cylinders (127)
Fundamentals (154)
Elimination (154)
Turnstile (166)
Barrier (179)