

## **SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

For students entering the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Read Amos Fortune, Free Man, by Elizabeth Yates

After reading, answer the following questions:

1. The theme of a story is defined as the central message, concern, or purpose in a story. Many times it is a life lesson. Sometimes it is stated directly, but more often it is implied. Give the theme, or overall message of the book, in one sentence.
2. The protagonist in a story is defined as the main character in a story. Who is the protagonist in this book?
3. The antagonist in a story is defined as a character or force in conflict with a main character or protagonist. Who or what is the antagonist in this book?
4. The point of view of a story is the perspective from which the story is told. It answers “Who is telling the story?” First person point of view is told by a character in the book and you will see the pronoun “I” used to refer to the storyteller. Third person point of view is told by someone outside of the story and you will see the pronouns such as “he” or “she” to refer to the characters and there is no “I” telling the story. From which point of view (1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> person) is this story told?
5. The setting of a story is the time **and** place of the action. The setting includes all the details of a place and time – the year, the time of day, even the weather. Describe the setting of this story.
6. Using at least three sentences, describe the protagonist and explain if he/she changes or grows throughout the story.

### **Evaluation:**

1. Assignment: Answers to the above assignment are due the first day of class and are worth one quiz grade. Your answers should be typed, double-spaced, using Times New Roman 12-point and black ink **or** neatly written out in cursive using blue or black ink. You will lose points if you do not follow these directions.
2. Quiz: Be prepared for a reading quiz the second or third day of class.
3. Turn in reading log attached to this.

**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE READING SUMMARY: On this sheet, neatly summarize each chapter after you read it.**

Chapter 1: Africa 1725.

Chapter 2: The Middle Passage

Chapter 3: Boston 1725-1740

Chapter 4: Woburn 1740-1779

Chapter 5: Journey to Keene 1779

Chapter 6: The arrival at Jaffrey

Chapter 7: Hard work fills the iron kettle 1781-1789

Chapter 8: Amos on the mountain

Chapter 9: Auctioned for freedom

Chapter 10: Evergreen Years 1794-1801