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2018 Summer Reading Assignment 7th Grade Showbie Reading and Writing

Goal: Through the Summer Reading Assignment, students at Eden will be actively involved in reading, thinking, and writing.

Requirements: The students will be reading one book this summer, to be chosen from the following list:

The Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt
The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart
Treasure Island by Robert Lewis Stevenson
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

For their chosen book, students must read the novel and respond to the five discussion questions posted on Showbie. Responses should be **at least 200 words** and are worth 20 points each. All posts for book are due by midnight on August 3, 2018. **If you choose *The Wednesday Wars*, I recommend learning about the Vietnam War first.**

Grading rubric for all posts:

Critical Thinking (10 points)	Responses demonstrate thoughtful, careful engagement with the prompt or post, discussing important ideas, characters, etc., and fully answering all parts of the question(s).
Examples (6 points)	Responses use specific examples from the book.
Writing Standards (4 points)	The writing is clear, concise, and easy to understand. Rules of grammar and mechanics are followed. Minimum length requirement is met.
Timeliness	Posts are submitted before midnight the due date. (-10% for each day late)

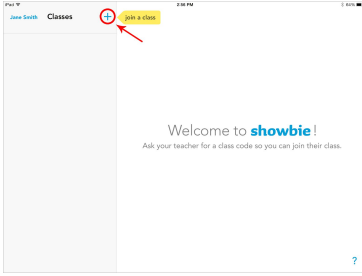
Total points: 100 points

****If you have questions, please e-mail me at cwilkin@edenca.org ****

Showbie: Showbie is a private platform for educators and students that allows for paperless collaboration. It can be accessed through their free app or through their website (www.showbie.com). We will be using Showbie throughout the year for communication and collaboration.

Sign-Up Instructions:

1. Open Showbie, login into your student account, and click on the +:



2. Enter the CLASS CODE: **HGJ2T**, then tap *Join*:
3. Once you've joined the class, you will be able to see your summer reading assignments.
4. Please submit your posts as a **Google Doc** (further instructions below).

Preparing to Write: There is a note posted on the Overview page about blogging etiquette and internet safety. Read these before you begin writing. You will be responsible for following the guidelines that are given there. Also, below you will find an example post and response.

Posting: On the Showbie home page for Summer Reading, you will find an assignment folder for each of the 4 books. Click on the book you have chosen, and you will find five questions to answer. Type your response in a Google Doc and then post it using the + button in the upper right hand corner. The + button will give you four options: Choose "Add from Drive." You will be taken to your Google Drive. Choose the appropriate response, and make sure it has been posted before you exit Showbie. You will see a blue bar moving from left to right. When it has finished, your response will appear below.

Sample Post for *To Kill A Mockingbird*:

Discussion Question: Discuss Jem and Scout's behavior as siblings: how do they treat each other and relate to each other? Use at least one specific example from the book to show your point (give a page number). Also, connect their relationship to your own family relationships: how is it similar and/or different?

John Doe Post: Jem and Scout relate like most brothers and sisters. Because Jem is the oldest, he wants to be in charge and often tries to act more mature than he really is. For instance, on the first day of school, Jem instructs Scout not to bother him with any requests to play (page 16). He also boasts about not being afraid of the Radley Place. Scout sees through this, though, and often laughs at him for his arrogance. Despite their conflicts, the two are very close and do everything together. Scout believes Jem almost implicitly, accepting his description of Boo Radley even though he has never seen him. I can see myself in Jem; as the oldest, I want to be the leader of my siblings, and I want them to look up to me. It's easy to boast and tell stories when I'm trying to do this. However, because I'm a girl and I have girl siblings, I think we can relate more than Scout and Jem did; we easily share secrets and jokes.

