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Dear Pre-AP student and guardian,

Palestine ISD is pleased that you have selected a Pre-AP English Language Arts course for the 2018-2019 academic year. As you know, Pre-AP classes are quite rigorous. For this reason, PJHS has elected to require summer reading for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade Pre-AP students. This summer, students will be required to read the novel *The Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell and complete a two part assignment for the novel. The students will check a copy of the book out from the school library that they will be responsible for over the summer.

Instructions for the assignments will be given to each student prior to summer release. Expectations in these classes are high and students will be held accountable. Upon their return, students will be required to turn in assignments and participate in class activities based on summer reading.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our campus principal or the 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA department head.

We look forward to having you on our campus this coming year!

Kind regards,

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## Part 1- Assignment

### 2018 Summer Reading Journal Guide Palestine ISD 7<sup>th</sup> grade Pre-AP English DUE THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS Fall Semester, 2018

As part of your summer reading assignment, you will complete journal entries over certain topics as you read the required text.

Journaling keeps the reader engaged with the text and allows the student to show their understanding of what they have read.

#### Requirements for journal entries:

1. All journal entries must be in paragraph format.
2. Each entry must have no less than four sentences.
3. Entries must be in complete sentence and follow the conventions of writing. (Grammar, punctuation and capitalization)

**Entry #1-** Write a paragraph in which you give your opinion of the main character of the novel.

- Consider the following questions when responding to entry 1- Is she brave, confident, quiet, perceptive, or something else? What is important to her? What strengths does she have? How do her hopes, fears, and actions reflect who she is?

**Entry #2-** Identify three scenes and then write a brief report describing where the caves are located, what they look like from the inside and the outside, and what events occur in them.

- Consider important events that take place in the three caves

**Entry #3-** Explain what the expression "No man is an island" means and answer the following questions in a well-organized paragraph. What do you think this statement means? Do you agree with it? Would the author of *Island of the Blue Dolphins* agree with it?

- Consider the lyrics from "No Man is an Island" from Tenth Avenue North

**Entry #4-** Write an entry explaining the theme the author is trying to convey in the novel.

- Consider- How does the character change from the beginning to the end of the story? What lessons does the main character learn?

## Part 2- Project

### 2018 Summer Reading Project Choice List Palestine ISD 7<sup>th</sup> grade Pre-AP English DUE THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS Fall Semester, 2018

As part of your summer reading assignment, you will complete **ONE** of the projects from the list below. Each project has a detailed checklist of what is expected.

1. **Board game:** Create a board game that represents the summer reading novel.

Requirements include

- Is your game reflective of the novel?
- Do the rules for your game make sense?
- Is your game well written and constructed?
- Have you used color effectively?
- Does your game include all of the needed pieces to play?

2. **Picture Postcard:** Create a picture postcard (includes picture and message) that reflects the summer reading novel.

Requirements include

- Is the picture in color on the front of the card?
- Is the picture clear and accurate?
- Is there great attention to detail?
- Is the message on the back of the card appropriate to the novel?

3. **Interview:** Create set of interview questions to ask the main character from your summer reading novel.

Requirements include

- Are you asking appropriate questions?
- Do you have a prepared script including your questions and characters response?
- Are your questions in sequential order?
- Do you have a minimum of 20 questions?

4. **Movie Trailer:** Create a movie trailer for the summer reading novel.

Requirements include

- Is the message clearly presented?
- Are the visuals attention-grabbing?
- Does the music enhance the message?
- Are there catchy phrases?
- Is it 1-2 minutes long?
- Are spelling and mechanics done correctly?