

# Summer Reading Assignment for Rising 6th Grade Students

## What you'll need:

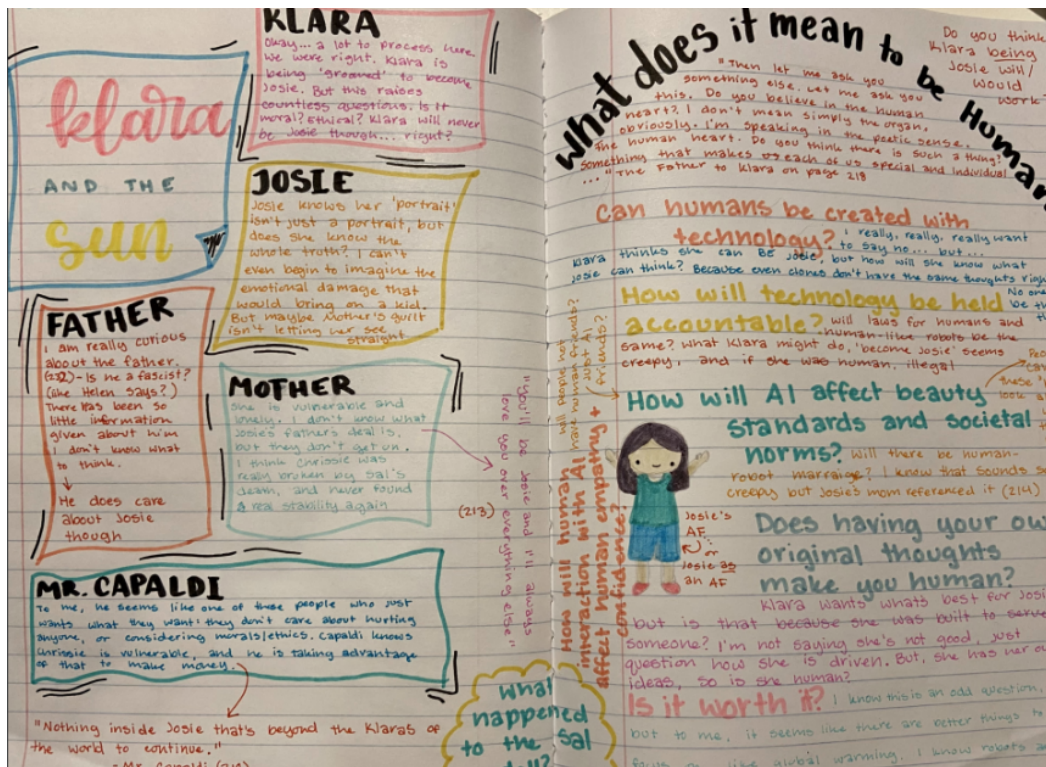
- ★ A new composition notebook (which will become your 6th grade writer's notebook)
- ★ *Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman
  - There are a few ways to obtain a copy - you can buy your own, borrow one from the school, or check out a copy (or an eBook) from Austin Public Library

Over the summer, please read *Seedfolks*. As you read, think about what's worth talking about. What big ideas, important questions, or surprising events would you like to discuss with your new classmates when we come back to school in August? Use sticky notes or a piece of paper to keep track of these things as you read.

After reading, **create a 2-page spread on the first two blank pages of your new notebook** to show your personal interaction with the book. Your two-page spread:

- ★ should contain quotes from the book that stood out to you as you read; try to fill the two pages!
- ★ should be your own thinking (not quotes you found online)
- ★ should be organized and neat
- ★ could include drawings or graphic organizers to show your thinking

Here's an example of what you could do:



Be sure to bring your notebook (and your copy of the book if you borrowed one from Ann Richards) on the first day of school.

I can't wait to discuss the book with you!  
Happy summer reading!

Questions? Feel free to email Mrs. Dean ([margaret.dean@austinisd.org](mailto:margaret.dean@austinisd.org))

More instructions are on the back....

## Ways to access the book:

- ★ The Austin Public Library - *Seedfolks* is available through APL as an eBook, an audiobook, and they have hard copies as well.
  - The Libby app also works in sync with APL; the book is available to download on an iPad or iPhone, etc.
  
- ★ *Seedfolks* is also available on Learning Ally. If you have access to a personal device (a laptop, iPad, smart phone, etc), you can log into the portal using your student id number and password. Once you've reached the portal, if you don't already have Learning Ally as a tile on your dashboard, simply use the search bar at the top and do a quick search...
  - Once you've made it into Learning Ally, do a search for the title and add it to your Bookshelf... It will then be available as an audiobook that allows you to follow along with the text itself. (Total listening time is an hour, so it's quite manageable.)
  
- ★ The book is also available at bookstores (Half Price books, Book People, Barnes and Noble) or online.

I hope this helps! Please reach out if you have any questions about the project or if you're having issues obtaining a copy of the book.

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