

# 2023 Summer Reading Requirements

6th Grade- *My Side of the Mountain*

Students entering the 6th grade are required to read Jean Greahead George's book, *My Side of the Mountain*, prior to the beginning of the first day of school. Students are also required to complete the attached packet of questions over the book. These are due on the first day back to school. Students will take a novel test during the first week of school.

Please stress to your child the importance of reading over the summer break. Reading keeps the brain active, helps students practice important reading skills, and improves processing skills.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Answer the questions in complete sentences. Restate the question in your answer.

For example: What are the colors of the book? The colors of the book are green and yellow.

## My Side of the Mountain Novel Questions

### Chapters 1-3

1. Why is Sam scared and living in a tree home in the dead of winter?
2. What is Frightful, and how did Sam train it? What is The Baron?
3. Sam catches five nice trout, but ends up crawling into his hemlock tent hungry, cold and miserable. Why?

### Chapters 4-6

4. When Sam can't catch fish, what does he eat? How does he get them?
5. How does following the crow pay off for Sam?
6. How does Sam apply his knowledge about Indians making canoes with fire to help him solve his tree problem?

7. How is Sam planning to make his bed?

## Chapters 7-9

8. How does Miss Turner, the librarian, help Sam?

9. How does Sam know where to find the falcon's nest?

10. Why does Sam desperately want a deer?

## Chapters 10-12

11. Explain how Sam outwits the poacher and gets the deer he's been longing for.

12. How does Sam solve the problem of preparing the deer hide?

13. Describe how Sam uses many deer parts to meet his needs.

14. How does Sam know that Frightful is finally trained?

15. What causes Frightful to dig her talons into Sam's shoulder?

16. Who is Bando, and what does he really do for a living?

### Chapters 13-15

17. What important lesson does Sam learn when Frightful gets sick in the tree home?

18. What are the difficulties Sam faces when trying to build a fireplace?

19. What does Sam learn at the end of Halloween night?

### Chapters 16-18

20. Why do you think Sam goes to town on Sunday when the library is closed?

21. What has Sam forgotten to do to prepare for winter, and how does he feel about this lapse in memory?

22. Who is Sam expecting to spend Christmas with, and how is he preparing for the holiday?

23. Sam hears a voice that shouts, "I know you are there!" Who does the voice belong to, and how does Sam react?

#### Chapters 19-20

24. How does Sam know a blizzard is coming?

25. What story does Sam tell Matt about the wild boy? Does Matt believe him?

#### Chapters 21-22

26. Why is Aaron sitting on the edge of a cliff, and why does Sam sing for him?

27. Who is Mr. Jacket?

28. Explain why Sam's whole family is at the Gribbley farm.---