

6th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Restart by Gordon Korman

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What is the book about?

This summer you will be reading *Restart* by Gordon Korman. *Restart* is about a boy named Chase who loses part of his memory when he falls off of a roof. One day, he wakes up and doesn't remember his life before the fall. He knows he's Chase, but who is Chase exactly? It is up to you to decide.

How will I be graded?

Your summer reading assignment consists of a written response section and a comprehension quiz. The quiz will be taken on the first day of school.

Points will be divided as follows:

Written Response- **50 points**

Comprehension Quiz-**50 points**

Total Grade= 100

Written Response:

Your written response will consist of two well constructed paragraphs. Your paragraphs should be at least 7 sentences and no longer than 9.

Make sure you not only provide good content, but also check your paper over carefully for spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

You will turn in your typed and printed response on the first day of school.

Paragraph One

The focus of this paragraph will be to **compare** yourself to one of the novel's characters. Of the characters Shoshanna, Joel, Brendan, Aaron, and Bear, who are you most like? Make sure to use examples from your own life as well as **text evidence** from the novel to support your topic sentence. Remember to have a topic sentence, supporting details (these will be examples from the novel and your own life experiences), and a concluding sentence.

Paragraph Two

The focus of this paragraph will be to **contrast** yourself to one of the novel's characters. Of the characters Shoshanna, Joel, Brendan, Aaron, and Bear, who are you least like? Make sure to use examples from your own life as well as **text evidence** from the novel to support your topic sentence. Remember to have a topic sentence, supporting details (these will be examples from the novel and your own life experiences), and a concluding sentence.

Restart Comprehension Quiz Study Suggestions:

- ❖ Be familiar with all the main characters. Consider which ones you like most and least. Be able to give evidence to support what you like or dislike about the characteristics and actions of each.
- ❖ Consider how Aaron and Bear treat Chase and his injury differently.
- ❖ Reread the sections where Chase interacts with parents and adults in the community (carwash owner, Brendan's mother, Mrs. Weber, the principal, and the judge, in particular). Pay attention to what they seem to expect from him and what they actually observe. Note how Mrs. Weber's perception changes over time.
- ❖ Pay attention to how the football players treat Chase in the lunchroom and on the field.
- ❖ Be familiar with the events surrounding the taping of *How to Ride a Tricycle*, *Leaf Man*, *Warrior*, and *One Man Band*. Be knowledgeable about how each video is received and the resulting consequences.
- ❖ Know the significance of the Tottenhams and their house to the plot.
- ❖ Reread Mr. Solway's interactions with the judge. Pay attention to what is said and the manner in which it is spoken.

Format: The quiz on the first day of class will consist of twenty-five multiple choice/matching items worth two points each. The quiz counts as 50 points of the summer reading test grade.

What do I do if I don't understand?

If you have any questions about the assignment, please send me an email to amy.etheridge@deerfieldwindsor.com. I will be sure to answer you as quickly as I can. Please use the quiz study guide provided to refresh your memory/ study the novel before the first day of class.

Looking forward to a great RESTART in middle school!

Mrs. Etheridge