

All Rising 6th Graders:

This summer you will read *Framed!* by James Ponti. Throughout 6th grade we read several novels with the themes of building true friendship, using your unique talents and abilities, and striving for the good in the face of adversity. In this novel, Florian Bates has just moved to a new city and has to use his unique abilities to make new friends, figure out a new school, and uncover the criminal who stole a priceless piece of art from the National Gallery! It isn't every middle schooler who gets to work for the FBI.



Assignment #1: Read and Annotate

Annotating is a way for students to connect with the book they are reading. Close reading allows students to understand the text more deeply and helps them remember information. Read with a highlighter and pencil in hand. Try to read 20-25 pages in a sitting. Make sure you are intentional about what you mark and how you mark it. The whole page does not need to be highlighted. Make a key for yourself before you start reading. (stars for theme, triangle for facts, etc.)

What to annotate:

- Queries: unknown words, questions
- Text Connections: figurative language, emotions
- Real World: historical or geographical facts (this book takes place in DC!)
- Potential Themes

Assignment #2: Test

Upon returning to your Reading 6 class in August, students will take a test on the novel. It will consist of approximately 30 short answer questions (character, plot, and setting) and 3-5 longer answer questions (themes and major plot movement). The annotations for the book will be 20 points on the test.

Assignment #3: Literary Analysis

Select one activity from Column A and one from Column B. These activities must be done on paper, in your neatest handwriting, and in full color (if necessary). These assignments are **due on the first day of school.**

Column A	Column B
<p>Write a book review. Tell whether or not you enjoyed the book and why.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum of 12 sentences• Title and author in the first sentence• Use one quote and page number	<p>Illustrate and color a new cover encouraging someone to read the book. Write a 6 sentence summary on the back of the illustration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fully colored cover• Title and author included
<p>Write questions you would like to ask the book's author.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum of 12-15 questions• Questions should be specific and creative	<p>Make a cartoon strip.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include 8 windows (or more)• Fully colored• Page numbers/Chapter which the comic depicts
<p>Write a new ending for the book. Pretend that the last 1-2 chapters are not there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum of 15 sentences• The story makes sense with the first chapters of the book and the character development	