

Summer Reading List – Fifth grade

To Parents and Students:

While every Brookfield student is encouraged to read as much as possible during the summer vacation, all incoming 5th graders are required to read The Grit Guide for Teens by Caren Baruch-Feldman. Students must keep a reflection journal if they use the Kindle version, or complete the activities in the workbook if you purchase the paperback version.

The Boy in the Painted Cave by Justin Denzel will be read during the summer. Fill out the Study Guide as you read the chapters. We will use that guide during the first week of school. Please bring the book to class.

Students must also select one additional book from the list below. It would also be helpful if the students were to keep a list of all the books read during the summer. Many libraries have summer reading programs and activities to help encourage active reading.

Fantasy/Adventure/Fiction

Aiken, Joan	<u>Wolves of Willoughby Chase</u>
Alexander, Lloyd	<u>The Book of Three</u>
Cooper, Susan	<u>The Dark is Rising</u>
Creech, Sharon	<u>Absolutely Normal Chaos</u>
Fitzhugh, Louise	<u>Harriet the Spy</u>
Raskin, Ellen	<u>The Westing Game</u>

Historical Fiction:

Avi	<u>Crispin, the Cross of Lead</u>
Lawrence, Caroline	<u>Any of the Roman Mysteries series</u>
Rinaldi, Ann	<u>Nine Days a Queen</u>
Sutcliff, Rosemary	<u>Outcast</u>

Any Newbery Medal/Honor books at grade level or above

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal>

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Study Guide: Boy of the Painted Cave

Directions: This study guide is designed to help guide your understanding while reading the book. **Write your answers neatly by hand on a separate sheet of paper** in **COMPLETE SENTENCES** and in enough detail to help you understand the book and prepare you for the test on this book when school starts. Be sure to number your answers, writing down the page number where you find the answer is helpful.

Chapter One

1. What animal does Tao draw in the sand successfully?
2. Describe Tao.
3. Describe Volt.
4. Why does Tao have to keep his desire to be a cave painter secret? Give 2 reasons
5. Why did Volt get upset with Tao and send him away?
6. What is wrong with Tao's foot?

Chapter Two

7. What do Tao and the little wolf have in common?
8. Where does Tao sleep the first night that Volt sent him away?
9. What is jammed in Ram's jaw?
10. What is the name of the place where Tao finds abundant food?

Chapter Three

11. How does Tao help Ram?
12. Explain what was causing the frightening wild shrieks.
13. How does Ram help Tao?
14. Why does Tao get so angry with Volt after he returns to camp with the rabbits and lemmings?

15. What is the name of the special place in Big Cave where the clan's Chosen Ones have painted images?

Chapter Four

16. Describe Tao's mother.

17. Why does Tao choose to leave the clan?

Chapter 5

18. Describe the things Tao did to make his cave liveable (not the artwork).

19. What drawing did Tao create that pleased him?

Chapter 6

20. Ram is held by Tao so that he doesn't run to hunt what animal?

21. Describe who Tao meets.

22. What is Graybeard's opinion about wolf-dogs?

23. What is a taboo?

24. What are two taboos that Tao has been committing?

25. What is Graybeard's opinion about taboos?

Chapter 7

26. What does Graybeard do to Tao's paintings?

27. Why does Graybeard get angry at Tao about the cave paintings?

Chapter 8

28. What is a "mountain that walks"? How many years has it been since they came to the valley?

29. Why is Tao not able to be a Chosen One?

30. After the four day hunt, what did the men bring back?

Chapter 9

31. Describe Saxon.

32. Describe two pieces of drawing advice Graybeard gives Tao.

Chapter 10

33. Describe the danger Tao gets into in the valley.
34. How is Tao saved from the danger?

Chapter 11

35. What “magic” signal does Graybeard use to let Tao know he is back?
36. List the items that Graybeard instructs Tao to gather for their next lesson.

Chapter 12

37. When Tao and Graybeard enter the small hidden cave, what does Graybeard create? Tao thought, it too was magic.
38. What was the final layer that Tao painted onto the mammoth painting? (It made the colors come to life.)
39. List three other things Graybeard taught Tao.

Chapter 13

40. From whom are Tao and Ram running, and why are they fleeing?
41. How does Tao save Ram?

Chapter 14

42. What do the Mountain People want Tao to do for them?
43. Graybeard requests that Tao do something very special that very night. Describe what he needs to do.

Chapter 15

44. What does Graybeard give Tao; describe what is inside? He is now the Chosen One.
45. What is glaring down at Tao in the tunnels to Secret Cavern?

Chapter 16

46. Vividly describe what Tao finds in the Secret Cavern.
47. What is the first image that Tao creates on the wall of Secret Cavern?
48. Why has Graybeard not come with the hunters to present Tao as the Chosen One?
49. Why do you think Volt steps forward to stop the hunters from killing Tao?

Chapter 17

50. Why must Tao face Saxon?

51. What “magic” does Tao use on Saxon? Describe the scene.

52. Why does Volt decree that “The curse is over!” Now Ram is accepted.

53. Explain what Tao comes to understand about his mother and father at the very end of the story.

Chapter 18

54. Describe the burial ceremony in detail.

55. What does Tao set off to do next? Predict, how he will be received?

Draw an illustration of how you visualize Tao’s cave, and the surrounding area.