**5th Grade Summer Social Studies Reading**

                Read the following novel for social studies and create a response journal **as you read the novel.** **Do not read the entire novel and then go back and try to compile your thoughts and responses**. The novel has been divided into reading 9 sections. Read a section and then write your responses to that section. This strategy will give you time to build vocabulary, understand the characters more completely and build back ground for the upcoming sections.

 The Midnight Rider     by Joan Hiatt Harlow

                American colonists are on the brink of revolution in 1775. Fourteen year old Hannah Andrews is thrown into the middle of the action when she is driven out of her home by her aunt. She is forced to work as an indentured servant in the household of General Gage who is the governor of the colonies and general of the British troops. A young stable boy, Calab helps her to understand the issues facing the American colonist and their desire for freedom. Set in Boston, Massachusetts, the historical novel is packed with fascinating historical details, real events and memorable characters. Midnight Rider is guaranteed to **thrill.**

**Midnight Rider Reader Sections**

Section l                     Chapters   1-5

Section   II                   Chapters   6-10

Section   III                   Chapters 11- 15

Section   IV                   Chapters 16-21

Section   V                     Chapters 22-25

Section VI                     Chapters 26-30

Section VII                     Chapters 31-36

Section VIII                     Chapters 37-42

Section IX                     Chapters 43-48

**5th Grade Social Studies Reading Response Journal Guidelines**

**The Galloway School**

**The journal is due the first day that you return to school**.

  Response Journal Questions

After you read section of the book **, answer** the questions marked with an \* and choose at least **one** additional question from the list below.

Write neatly in cursive or type your answers. Your answers should be complete, thoughtful, specific, original, and accurate. When you quote from your novel, be sure to include the page number for the quote. **Vary your** **question choices** so that you are not using the same one more than twice. Place this work in a binder or a spiral notebook.

**Required Questions:**

\* Tell in your own words what happened in the chapters you read. Do this as **a summary**. Do not include unnecessary details.

\* Describe your**feelings** about the events in the chapters and explain why the chapter made you feel this way.

\* **Defin**e any words you didn’t know before you read this chapter.

 Additional Questions

Select one of the characters in the chapters and list five adjectives that describe his/her appearance and behavior in those chapters. Support each idea with a quote from the text.

  Ask 2 questions about things in the chapters that confused you or made you wonder.

  Describe your feelings about one of the characters in the chapters and explain why you feel that way.

  Describe your favorite part of the chapters.

  Predict what you think will happen in the next chapters and tell why you think that.

  Describe how you would react if you were one of the characters in the chapters

  Describe a part of the chapters that surprised you.

  Draw a picture of something that happened is the section and write a caption for it.

  Find a phrase or sentence in the section you especially liked and share your thoughts about it.

  Make a connection between something in the chapter section and something that happened in your own life, in another story you read, or in a movie/TV program you saw and write about it.

  Compare a character in the book to someone you know.

  If you had to be one of the characters in this chapter section who would you be?

  If you were the author of this book, would you change anything in these chapters? If so, why? If not, why not?

  After reading this section , has your opinion of anything or anyone in the book changed? Explain.

  Compare a character in the chapters to a specific animal and explain why you chose that animal to represent your selected character.

  If you could add another character to these chapters, who would it be and why would you add that character?

  Make a list of simile and metaphor examples in this chapter section and tell why you think the author used this language.

**For extra credit you may do more than one of the additional questions**