**Fifth Grade Summer Reading**

**2023**

**Prepare for 5th Grade!**

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Dear Parents and Students,

During fifth grade, students will study the characteristics of many types of writing, including narrative texts. They determine from whose **point of view** the story is written. They examine the description of the **setting** and use of **dialogue** to identify how the author sets the **tone** of the story which affects the reader’s **mood**. They meet the **characters** and learn their **traits** (physical, feelings, attitudes, personality) through their words and actions. They observe how the characters **change** and **grow** throughout the story.

To prepare for fifth grade, students will read an adventure of their choice. We have provided a list of possible adventures, but you may choose any adventure that is not on this list, as well.

When you finish reading your novel, you will create a **“Biopoem**” about one of the characters which will be shared during the first week of school.

Happy Summer! Happy Reading!

In this instruction packet, you will find the following handouts:

* List of Fifth Grade level Novels
* Biopoem Instructions
* Biopoem First Draft Notetaking
* Biopoem Revision Paper (which can also be completed on the computer)
* List of Character Traits
* Example First Draft of a Biopoem about “The Big Bad Wolf”
* Revised Final Draft of Biopoem about “The Big Bad Wolf)

FINAL COPY OF YOUR BIOPOEM SHOULD BE TYPED (SEE EXAMPLE).

List of Fifth Grade Level Novels

*Holes*, by Louis Thatcher

*Harry Potter*, by J.K. Rowling (any in the series)

*Hatchet,* by Gary Paulson

*The Phantom Tollbooth*, by Norton Juster

*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, by C.S. Lewis

*The Tale of Despereux*, by Kate Di Camillo

*The Egypt Game*, by Zilpha Keatley Snider

*My Brother Sam is Dead*, by James Lincoln Collier

*Freak the Mighty*, by Rodman Philbrick

*The Lightning Thief* by Percy Jackson

*Tuck Everlasting*, by Natalie Babbett

. *A Wrinkle in Time*, by Madeleine L’Engle

*The Hobbit*, by J.R.R. Tolkien

*The Land of Stories*, by Chris Colfer

*When the Sea Turned to Silver*, by Grace Lin

. *The Penderwicks*, by Jeanne Birdsall

*The Wishgiver,* by Bill Brittain

*War Comes to Willy Freeman*, by Christopher Collier

Biopoem Instructions

A biopoem is a poem that is a biography of a person. The person can be real (yourself, a friend, or historical person), or imaginary (a character in a book). Use this format to write about a character from your adventure novel. Please read the examples which show you how to elaborate.

Line 1: Your first name

Line 2: Four traits about yourself

Line 3: Daughter/Son of….

Line 4: Lover of (name 2 or more people or ideas)

Line 5: Who feels (name 2 or more using the same

or different feelings)

Line 6: Who needs (name 2 or more)

Line 7: Who gives (name 2or more)

Line 8: Who fears (name 2or more)

Line 9: Who would like to see (name 2 or more)

Line 10: Resident of (street name or city)

Line 11: Your last name

**Biopoem Graphic Organizer for first draft note-taking**

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(First Name of Character)

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(4 traits that describe your character separated by commas)

Daughter or Son of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lover of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who feels\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who needs\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who gives\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who fears\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who would like to see\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Resident of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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(Last Name of Character)

**Biopoem Revisions (Can be done on this page or on the computer)**

Lover of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who feels \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who needs\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who gives\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who fears\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who would like to see\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**List of Character Traits**

absent-minded disagreeable leader self-confident

adventurous dreamy loud selfish

ambitious dull lovable sensitive

awkward energetic loving sentimental

boastful fearful loyal serious

bold fierce mannerly sharp-witted

bossy fighter mean shiftless

brave forgetful messy shrewd

busy forgiving mischievous shy

calm friendly nagging sneaky

carefree fun-loving neat soft-hearted

careless funny obedient spunky

caring fussy organized stern

cautious generous outspoken stingy

changeable gentle patient stubborn

charming gloomy patriotic studious

cheerful greedy playful successful

clever gullible pleasant superstitious

conceited handsome polite suspicious

confused happy proud talkative

considerate hard-working quarrelsome thoughtful

contented helpful quick-tempered timid

cooperative honest quiet tough

courageous humble reasonable trusting

cowardly humorous reckless unfriendly

creative imaginative relaxed unfriendly

cruel independent resourceful unkind

curious intelligent respectful unselfish

daring inventive responsible wise

demanding jolly rude witty

**Biopoem First Draft**

**“**

**The Big Bad Wolf”**

Big, Bad

Enormous, mean, sneaky, hungry;

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wolf;

Who feels hungry;

Who needs pigs to eat;

Who gives lots of huffs and puffs;

Who fears getting caught;

Who would like to see pigs on a plate;

Resident of the forest;

Wolf

“The Big Bad Wolf” Final Draft

Wolf

Big, bad, mean, hungry;

Pup of Mrs. and Mrs. Wolf;

Who feels starving-to-death ravenous;

Who needs platters of perfect, plump, pink piggies for his personal party;

Who gives strong and ginormous huffs and puffs to blow down the pigs’ houses;

Who fears failing to find food, and falling frantically into boiling, scalding water;

Who would like to see little piggies roasting over a nice warm fire on a chilly night, and a future full of food;

Resident of the deep dark forest in Fairytale Land;

Wild Canine