

# **6th Grade Summer Assignment**

## **Ms. Briz and Mr. Solis**

**Below is the mandated assignment for the required reading. ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE HANDWRITTEN ON LOOSE LEAF PAPER, NOT TYPED! USE A REPORT COVER TO BIND YOUR PAPERS.**

**Upon return (within the first 3 weeks), students will take a comprehension test on Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder.**

1. Make a report cover for your report. The report cover should be made by hand and NOT be printed by clip art. It should be symbolic of the ideas in the novel, thoughtful and unique to you. The cover should be a personal and artistic interpretation of the novel. It should contain your full name, title of the book and author. Be prepared to present your cover and answers to the class and to discuss your ideas within the first week of school.
  - a. Rubric for the cover 20 points:
    - i. In color or the use of a variety of mediums (paint, crayons, colored pencils, etc.)
    - ii. Symbolic representations of ideas that can be explained.
    - iii. Good use of the white space on the paper where art takes up most of the white space and little white space is left.
    - iv. Shows maturity, neatness and effort (no stick figures, etc.)
2. To complete the book report answer each question by hand in your best handwriting on loose leaf paper (not typed):
  - a. The first chapter's title, "The Garden of Eden," explores the concept of beginnings and origins. Write your own answers to the first two questions, "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?" Try to answer these two questions yourself.
  - b. How did you react to Aristotle's views on women? In your opinion, which of the thinkers in Gaarder's history provided admirable answers to questions about gender? What did you think of the fact that a majority of the authorities in the novel are men?
  - c. More than once in these pages, the child's perspective is mentioned as a foundation for how philosophers should think or perceive. Though they are at an age when they are beginning to leave childhood behind, do Sophie and Hilde possess greater wisdom than their elders? Explain why you think so, or why you don't think so.
  - d. Ultimately, what is a "philosophical project"? Does reading a novel—or any book—constitute a philosophical project? Does language limit philosophical exercise? Can philosophy be learned?

- e. Write a list of questions that reading this book prompted you to ask yourself.  
Discuss what the book had you thinking about.

Below are extra resources that may help support your understanding of  
Sophie's World:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmtiCp7uF4c&list=PL-Fw5XEluYtgekD32liRgf-h22nzJX3H3>

### Read Aloud of Chapters

<https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/sophie/>

<https://www.coursehero.com/lit/Sophies-World/>

<https://www.gradesaver.com/sophies-world/study-guide/literary-elements>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ruYyKpSDjJA>

Youtube Summary

<https://quizlet.com/149256020/sophies-world-quiz-1-flash-cards/>

Practice Quiz questions

[https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/sophie/summary/?quickquiz\\_id=3983](https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/sophie/summary/?quickquiz_id=3983)

More Practice Quiz Questions

The ONLY requirement for the 2nd Book (the book of your choice) is passing a comprehension test at the end of August. If you score an 80% or above on the comprehension test, you will receive a 100%. Should you score lower, the grade you get is the grade that will be recorded.