

Middle School Summer Reading List
Holy Cross of San Antonio
Grade 6

Book titles: *Holes* by Louis Sachar

Holes is available at any bookstore or at a public library.

Due date: Portfolio is due on the first day of school. Students should be ready to discuss the book and take a test on the first day of school.

Portfolio: Students will include the following assignments in a folder to turn in on the first day of school. Students should clearly mark their folder with their name and grade.

Assignments:

1. Complete the Story Pyramid (on next page)
2. Based on your reading, choose your favorite character and describe why he is so important to the book. (1-page handwritten essay)

Story Pyramid

Use a story pyramid to describe important information from the novel, such as the main character, the setting, and the major events in the plot. Carefully choose your words in order to provide a precise description. You may wish to use a dictionary and a thesaurus.

Here are the directions for writing a story pyramid:

Capitalize the first word in each line.

Line 1 — *one word, stating the name of main character*

Line 2 — *two words, describing the main character*

Line 3 — *three words, describing the setting*

Line 4 — *four words, stating the problem*

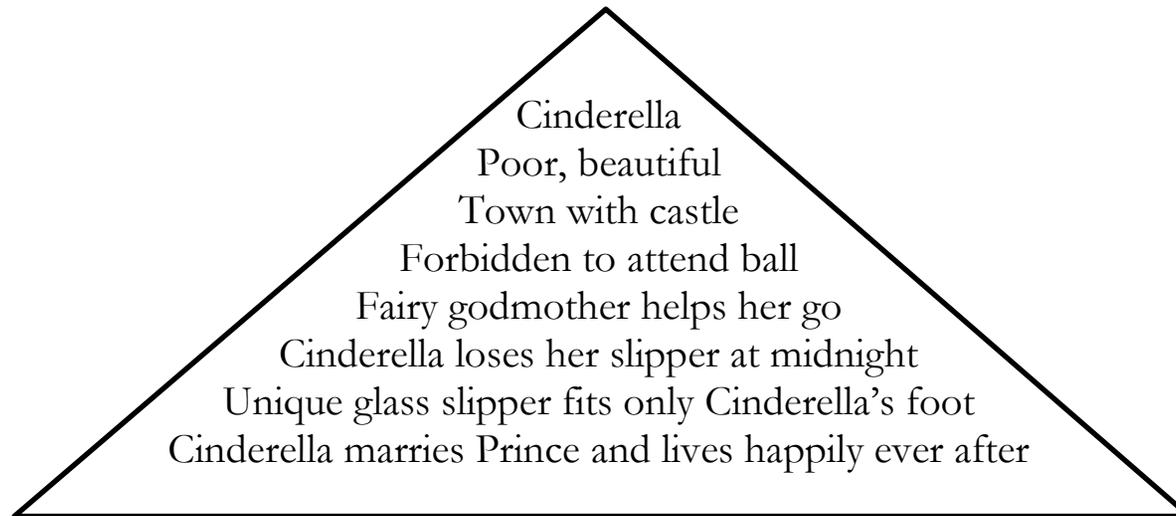
Line 5 — *five words, describing one event*

Line 6 — *six words, describing a second event*

Line 7 — *seven words, describing third event*

Line 8 — *eight words, stating the solution to the problem*

Here is an example of a story pyramid:



Create your own story pyramid based on the novel *Holes* using the example above as a guide. On a separate piece of paper, make a large pyramid shape. In the shape, write a story pyramid for the book *Holes* you have read. Fill the area around the outside of the pyramid with an illustration representing the subject of the story pyramid.