

7th Grade English- *Journey to the Center of the Earth* and *Airborn* (6th graders entering 7th grade)

Journey to the Center of the Earth

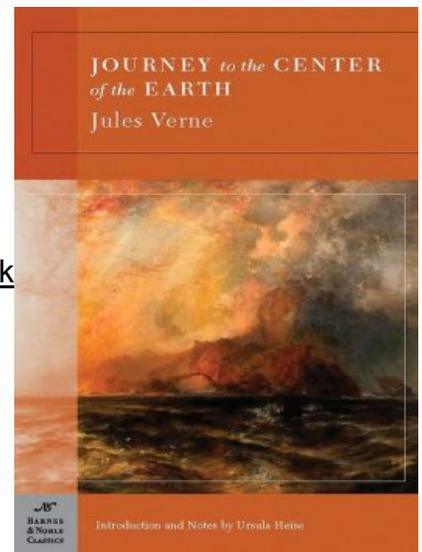
Please read the entirety of this book prior to the start of the school year and bring a copy to class during the first week of school. A test will be given to cover the main aspects of the book, so it is important to refresh your memory before coming back to school. You will also be creating a project based on the content of the novel during the first couple of weeks of the new school year. Please highlight/make notes as needed so that the summer reading material is not easily forgotten for our first assignment of the year.

(1) Read *Journey to the Center of the Earth* – Jules Vern Verne

- You are responsible to read the entirety of the novel, create a project, and be ready to display your understanding of the story when you return. There may also be a reading test during the first week back, so be sure to review the book before returning if needed.

(2) Create a Poster

- Paper size must be 11x17 or larger
- In color, create a movie poster for this novel. Including:
 - Title
 - Author
 - 4 main characters and the actors they will be played by (it can be anyone!)
 - A rating out of five stars (that depicts your actual rating of the book) with one sentence explaining why you gave it this rating. (stay positive)
 - Visual representation of the movie (use up that white space!)
 - Make me want to see your movie version of this book! However, make sure you are staying true to the novel. Look at other movie posters at the theatre or online for inspiration.
- On the back, include the following:
 - A 6+ sentence summary of the book. Include the setting, characters, conflict, and resolution. Also, explain your favorite part of the novel.
 - A Venn Diagram comparing the book to any movie adaption of the novel. Make sure you are clarifying which year your movie came out. There are a lot of movies that were made based on this story, but they are rarely similar to the book. In your Venn Diagram, include at least 8



differences and 4 similarities.

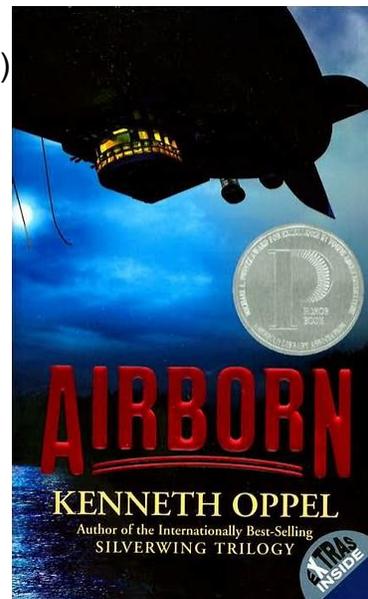
- **Since you are using both sides of this paper, please make sure that your colors are not bleeding through to the other side. You may hand draw or type, whichever is easier or neater for you. Just make sure it looks creative!**

Airborn

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(3) Read *Airborn* (2004) – Kenneth Oppel

- ISBN: 978-0-06-0531 82-9 (can be easily ordered on Amazon.com)
- You are responsible to read the entirety of the novel, answer a few comprehension questions, and be ready to create a project based on the novel when you return. There will also be a reading test during the first week back, so be sure to review the book before returning if needed.
- Questions to answer while reading can be found on the following page. Students may print this page and answer questions directly on this paper, or they can answer questions on a separate sheet of paper. Questions are due on the first day of school.



Name _____

Airborn Summer Reading Questions

Chapters 1-5

1. Who is Benjamin Molloy? What are his last words to Matt?

2. How does Matt lie to Benjamin?

3. Who is Doc Halliday? _____
4. What does Kate de Vries and Majorie Simpkins arrive to the Airship on? What kind of personality do these characters seem to have?

5. What disappointing news does Matt get?

6. What information was learned about his upbringing?

7. What sort of double meaning would the title *Airborn* have?

8. Who is Matt's roommate? Who is the chief?

9. Who were the two hot chocolates for that Kate ordered?

10. What valuable information was found in Benjamin Molloy's log?

Chapters 6-10

11. Why does Szirglas take over the Aurora? Who is killed? Why?

12. What happens to the Aurora?

13. How does Matt display jealousy towards Bruce?

14. Why does Kate leave the airship?

15. How do Kate and Matt end up in a tree?

16. What do they find in the tree? _____
17. What was different about these bones? _____
18. How did Marjorie and Captain Walken respond when Matt and Kate returned?

19. Does Matt choose to be obedient or disobedient to his orders? _____

Chapters 11-15

20. Why hasn't Matt joined the Air Academy?

21. What two animals combined would make up this strange creature?

22. Why would it have been difficult to spot this creature from the airship?

23. Why does Matt always need to be in the air?

24. When Matt returns a second time, what is Baz's advice to him?

25. Where does Matt plan to lead the crew?

26. Who is sent to look for Kate?

27. Matt thinks Bruce can do whatever he wants because he is rich. How is Matt mistaken?

28. How did Kate escape Miss Simpkins?

29. What name is given to the creature?

30. How does she plan on taking a picture of it?

31. Why did they have to get out of the trees to escape from it?

Chapters 16-21

32. Whose airship also arrives at the island?

33. Why did they run towards the pirates instead of away from them?

34. Describe Szpirglas's home.

35. What does Szpirglas have pinned to his wall?

36. What is the name of Szpirglas's son?

37. How do they find out that Matt and Kate are lying?

38. What does the pirate plan to do to the Aurora?

39. Where does he put Kate and Matt to keep them out of the way? How do they escape?

40. How do Matt and Kate help the Aurora?

41. Which three characters die?

42. What happens to Kate at the end of the book? What happens to Matt?

FYI: During the school year the following works will be required reading:

1. *The Giver* – Lois Lowry
2. *The Outsiders* – S. E. Hinton
3. *A Christmas Carol (in textbook)*- Charles Dickens