

6th Grade English

(5th graders entering 6th grade)

Please read the novel, *The City of Ember* by Jeanne Du Prau, prior to the start of school. Complete the written assignment and bring your essay to class on the first day of school – this will be your first grade of the semester.

Use the attached **Fiction Book Review** to write a 4-paragraph essay about the book. Make sure you introduce the book title and the author in Paragraph 1. You may write or type the essay but remember that every paragraph must be at least **five** complete sentences. Practice your grammar skills of correct capitalization and punctuation and correct spelling. Handwriting must be legible.

Optional: With parental approval, you may want to watch “The City of Ember” movie AFTER you read the book. You can then add a paragraph which compares/contrasts the book with the movie. Which did you like better? Why?

*FOR FURTHER ENRICHMENT... (for fun, not bonus points 😊):

1. If you enjoyed *The City of Ember*, you may want to read the other three books in the series to find out what happens to the characters:
 - *The People of Sparks*
 - *The Diamond of Darkhold*
 - *The Prophet of Yonwood*
2. Choose a biography at your reading level which you have not previously read. We highly recommend the ***Christian Heroes: Then & Now*** series (available on Amazon.com and published by YWAM) or a missionary biography such as ***With Daring Faith: A Biography of Amy Carmichael*** by Rebecca Davis.
3. This year we will read CS Lewis’s *Prince Caspian* together – you may want to read the prior books in *The Chronicles of Narnia*... or go ahead and read the whole series!
 - *The Magician’s Nephew*
 - *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*
 - *The Horse and His Boy*
 - ** Prince Caspian: The Return to Narnia **
 - *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*
 - *The Silver Chair**The Last Battle*

Outline for a Fiction Book Review

Name: _____ Date: _____

Type of Writing: Fiction Book Review

Topic: _____

Paragraph 1 — Describe the main character(s) and the problem he/she/they faced.

Paragraph 2 — Write a short version (summary) of the main events in the story.

Paragraph 3 — Tell how the problem was solved and how the story ended.

Paragraph 4 — Give your opinion of the book. Tell why you liked or disliked the book.
