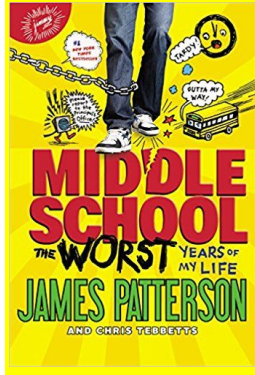


6th Grade Summer Reading Discussion Questions and Written Activity

The purpose of these discussion questions is for you to reflect on what you read. Only answer the questions that pertain to the choice of novel you read for summer reading. You must use complete sentences, and type your answer in the box beneath each question. Complete the writing assignment after the questions are complete. The writing assignment is in the last page of this document.

Choice 1: Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life (#1) by: James Patterson

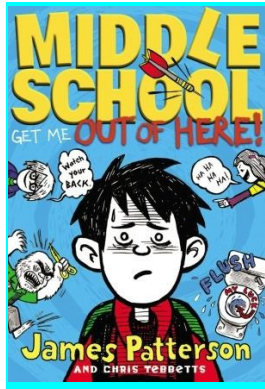


1. One of Rafe's biggest challenges is the harassment of Miller the Killer. What could Rafe do to get on the good side of a kid who only has bad sides? What are some of the strategies Rafe employs? Why don't they work to help keep Miller off Rafe's back?

2. Rafe sees the Student Code of Conduct as a long list of all the ways he probably will get in trouble before the end of the school year (page 21). What other ways could he view the handbook? Why do students choose to or choose not to behave appropriately at school? What impact does a Student Code of Conduct have on student behaviour?

3. How does Rafe break his no-hurt rule by his antics on Halloween? Whom does he hurt? What decision does he make as a result of the pain he inflicts?

Choice 2: Get Me Out of Here (#2) by: James Patterson

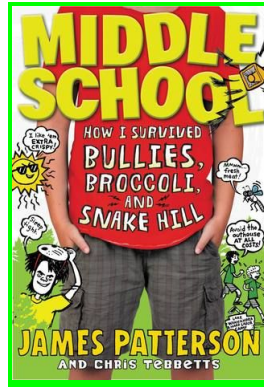


1. Leaving your home and moving means being the new kid in a school where you don't know anyone - always a difficult situation. How does Rafe adjust to his new school? What are Rafe's biggest fears about moving to the city? What are his biggest disappointments about leaving Hills Village?

2. When Rafe tells the truth about whose backpack held the stolen pen, Matty turns on him and, even worse, Matty uses private information Rafe shared in order to humiliate Rafe. What is Rafe's immediate response?

3. How is moving back to Hills Village a positive move for everyone in Rafe's family? What do they learn from their time spent in the big city?

Choice 3: How I Survived Bullies, Broccoli and Snake Hill (#4) by: James Patterson



1. What connection does Rafe make with Norman, the Booger Eater? How does Rafe's first impression of Norman change? What does Rafe learn about himself as a result of his relationship with Norman?

2. What actions does Rafe take to make changes in 'the way it's always been' at Camp Wannamorra? What role do his fellow cabin-mates play in Rafe's attempts to make changes? How does Georgia help Rafe?

3. How is Rafe the hero of Camp Wannamorra? Why doesn't he tell his mum or anyone else the truth about what really happened?

Written Activity:

Use the questions below as a pre-write:

1. Why is it important to think about the future?

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2. Discuss three goals you would like to achieve by next year.

Letter Assignment:

Write your very own letter addressed to yourself, which can only be opened in a year. Think about **where** you want to be, **what** you want to have achieved and **how** you are going to do this. Just like Rafe, think about your friends and family too!

You can write this in in the space below or hand it in on paper, sealed in an envelope with your name on it. This letter should be at least three paragraphs in length and use the prewriting questions as a focus for the letter.

Have fun!

Begin writing your letter here, you must write at least three paragraphs and do not forget to address the letter to yourself:

Dear Future-Self,