

Summer Reading 2010

Dear Fifth Grader,

This summer you will be required to read two books. One of the books is My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannet. The other is Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell. Please purchase these books, as we will be using them in class.

After reading each book, you will complete the appropriate activity page. I hope you like these books as much as I do. My Father's Dragon is the first in a trilogy. I will read the second book, Elmer and the Dragon, to the class as our first read aloud.

These books are both on the Accelerated Reader list. You will be able to take the tests sometime in the first few weeks of school.

I hope you have a nice summer, and I look forward to reviewing your books with you in August.

*Mrs. Jones*

# Active Reading

## Island of the Blue Dolphins

A motive is a need or desire that causes a person to act. Sometimes the author states the character's motives. At other times, a reader must infer, or figure out, a character's motives from details the author gives. As you read Chapters 1-9, use the chart to note motives for each situation.

Action or Feeling	Motive
1) Tribe members keep watch over the Aleut ship and Aleut camp.	The tribe wants to make sure that the Aleuts do not leave without paying a fair price for the pelts.
2) Karana leaps from the ship and swims to shore.	
3) Karana makes a spear and a bow and arrow.	
4) Karana vows to kill the wild dogs.	

Some of the traits in the list below fit Karana and some do not. Select two traits that describe her well and write them in the chart. Then for each trait, list at least one action in Chapters 10-19 in which Karana exhibits the trait.

intelligent	funny	responsible	caring	honest
realistic	hardworking	problem-solver	confident	generous

Trait	Actions that Demonstrate Trait
problem-solver	Builds a fire to try to force dogs out of cave so she can shoot at them.

# My Father's Dragon

Matching: Match the problems with the animal by writing the letter on the line next to the animal.

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| 1) _____ tigers     | a) sweet tooth  |
| 2) _____ gorilla    | b) tangled hair |
| 3) _____ lion       | c) fleas        |
| 4) _____ crocodiles | d) ugly tusk    |
| 5) _____ rhinoceros | e) hungry       |

True or False: Write true or false next to each statement below.

- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ On the way to the island, Elmer hid in a corn sack in the cargo hold of the ship.
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ The wild boars were worried about an invasion.
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_ The dragon was placed on the island by a group of sailors.
- 9) \_\_\_\_\_ Elmer walked on the backs of turtles to get from the Isle of Tangerina to Wild Island.
- 10) \_\_\_\_\_ Elmer's mother was happy that her son brought a lonely cat home to take care of.

Short Answer: Write a short answer to the following questions.

11) Where did Elmer find the cat? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12) Where did Elmer find the rhinoceros? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13) What were the tigers going to do with Elmer? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14) How did Elmer make his bridge? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15) Where did Elmer and the baby dragon fly first when they left Wild Island? \_\_\_\_\_  
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