

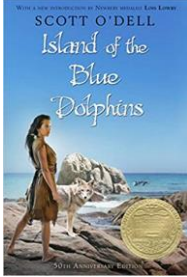
## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade English Summer Reading Assignment

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### *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell

Annotated Chapters = 100 points (Due first day of school)



All rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade students must read the required book for their grade level and complete the following assignment:

- *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell
- ISBN: 978-0-547-32861-4

Please follow these directions in order to ensure success for this assignment. You will want to pace yourself in order to complete this assignment before school begins. Assignments submitted after the due date will incur a 50% late penalty. Students who enroll at CPS after the first day of school will until the end of September to complete their work.

*Island of the Blue Dolphins* is about the adventures and heartache of an Indian girl who spent eighteen years alone on an island off California. This story is an adventure of the spirit that will haunt the reader long after the book has been put down. Karana's quiet courage, her Indian self-reliance, and acceptance of fate, transform what to many would have been a devastating ordeal into an uplifting experience. As preparation for reading texts throughout the 6<sup>th</sup> grade year, the novel will assist students in analyzing character development throughout a text and what moral lesson that they have learned. We will discuss the novel as a class when you return to school in August, so I am expecting you to do this assignment well in order to contribute to our discussion. You will also take a test on the novel the first week of school.

**Annotated Book Chapters:** You will need to purchase a copy of *Island of the Blue Dolphins* (ISBN 978-0-547-32861-4) so that you can annotate the text as you read.

- In each chapter, highlight and annotate at least three (separate) sentences that connect ideas or something that you have a question about in the chapter (write in the margin). These annotations might include important information, something new that you learned, something you have a question about, or something that you found interesting.
- An annotation is a critical or explanatory note or body of notes that is added to a text. We will discuss these “types” of notes in the first week of school.