

Grade 6 Summer Reading Assignment

Hello! Moving forward, it will be helpful to have a library card in order to complete reading assignments throughout the school year. If you do not already possess a library card please go with a parent/guardian to your local public library to obtain one during the summer break.

Reading Assignment Directions:

1. Read ***Beyond the Bright Sea*** by Lauren Wolk before Tuesday, September 9.
2. Complete the Reading and Discussion questions handout and complementary family activity.
3. Have a parent or guardian confirm that you've completed both assignments by signing below.

Student name:

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Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk

Start date	
End date	

By signing below I am confirming that my child has read the novel listed above, completed the reading assignment and completed the complementary family activity.

Parent Signature:

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Family History Exploration Activity: Inspired by "Beyond the Bright Sea"

Activity Overview

In Lauren Wolk's novel "Beyond the Bright Sea," the main character Crow explores her own origins and family history. This activity will help you and your family discover and share your own family's unique story.

Materials Needed

- Family photo albums
- Notebook or journal
- Pen or pencil
- Optional: Audio recording device or smartphone (to save the audio while you write)

Activity Steps

1. Family Story Gathering

- Invite 2-3 family members from different generations to participate
- Choose a comfortable setting like your living room or kitchen
- Prepare a list of interview questions about family history

2. Interview Questions

Choose 3-5 questions to ask family members:

- Where did our family originally come from?
- What stories have been passed down through generations?
- What challenges did our ancestors overcome?
- What family traditions are most important to us?
- Can you tell me about a memorable family moment?

3. Documentation

- Take notes during the conversation
- Consider recording the conversation (with family permission)
- Draw a simple family tree together

4. Reflection Connection

Write a short paragraph connecting your family's story to themes in "Beyond the Bright Sea":

- How does understanding your origins feel?
- What similarities do you see between Crow's journey and your family's history?

Beyond the Bright Sea: Reading and Discussion Questions

Directions: Write your responses to the questions as you progress through the novel.

Identity and Belonging	Family Connections	Courage and Resilience	Acceptance	Personal Growth
Why is it important to Crow to find out where she comes from?	Discuss how Osh and Miss Maggie become Crow's chosen family.	Find 3 examples of moments that show Crow's bravery	Write about a time where you, like Crow, experienced feeling misunderstood or judged	How does Crow develop/change/grow throughout the novel?

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