

World Civilizations 6 Summer Reading 2023

Historical Fiction Novel

- ***A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park**
 - [A Single Shard: Park, Linda Sue - Books \(English Edition\)](#)
 - [El aprendiz \(Spanish Edition\) - Linda Sue Park \(B&N\)](#)

Due Dates:

- **The novel with your annotations: Tuesday, September 5th, 2023**
- **Your Reading Log ~ Friday, September 8th, 2023**

Annotating With a Purpose With Your Summer Reading

- Annotation allows you, the reader, to be more actively engaged when reading text.
- It is an excellent reading comprehension strategy so you can think critically about a text.
- It will help you develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the text being read.
- You will also be taking ownership of your learning.

Annotation makes your post-reading work and discussions more robust and efficient. You're choosing to annotate only portions of the text **you** want to address further through group discussion or writing.

This allows you to focus and share what you read that is important to you versus overloading your brain with remembering everything.

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ANNOTATION DIRECTIONS: For each chapter, use the following symbols to annotate consistently and effectively. *It is not necessary to use all of these symbols for every chapter.*

- **Underline** key ideas and major points or a significant turning point.
- **Write** a "?" (Question mark) next to anything confusing, such as unfamiliar words or unclear information.
- **Circle powerful** phrases and quotes that catch your attention and leave an impression. .
- **Choose** your own vocabulary words (key terms) - Write a star ★ by words you don't know or words you do not know very well! **At least two words per chapter.**
- **Write** an ! next to surprising or essential information or information that helps you make a connection.
- **Write** a # to indicate a similar event or experience in the novel that has also happened to you.
- **Draw** a 😊 or 😂 LOL - to indicate something you really like in the chapter or something you find humorous

Additional Guidance

- Your goal is **not** to annotate everything
- Focus on what **you're interested in** versus how much you're annotating
- There should be annotations completed in each chapter that reflect a **quality effort**.
- Mindset for reading Historical Fiction genre:
 - Envision being present and witnessing what you are reading; place yourself in the main character's shoes.
 - Recommended background reading:
 - **[Why Historical Fiction Is Important for 21st-Century Kids | Brightly](#)**
 - Ask mental (In your head) questions while you are reading; ponder your thoughts!

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Reading Log Requirements

All rising 6th-grade students are required to read the historical fiction novel, **A Single Shard** by Linda Sue Park.

- **Your novel with your highlighted annotations is due Tuesday, September 5th**
- **Your summer Reading Log assignment is due Friday, September 8th, 2023**
- This assignment's value is **100 points** and will be recorded as a writing assignment grade.
- A **late penalty (10-point deduction)** will be assigned for assignments submitted after each due date.
- If you complete and submit your Reading Log written response by **Saturday, August 19th** you can earn a **5-point bonus**

Summer Reading Assignment - Summer Reading Log

Please complete the summer reading log as you read **A Single Shard** by Linda Sue Park.

How to submit your Reading Log

As a Google Document:

1. **Make** a copy of this Summer Reading 2023 document.
2. **Share** it with me (nlucas@mamail.net) and provide **editing** privileges.
3. **Name** the file with your "last name Reading Log 2023" as the title. (Example: Lucas Reading Log 2023)
3. **Complete** the written responses in the Reading Log.

Via Email:

If you are unable to submit via Google document, then you may email the assignment to me (nlucas@mamail.net).

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Summer Reading Log for *A Single Shard*

Name: _____

<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>ANALYSIS</u>
<p>Who is the protagonist (main character) of the novel?</p> <p>Describe this character in detail.</p>	<p>What are the protagonist's strengths?</p> <p>What are the protagonist's weaknesses?</p>
<p>Name and describe at least three minor characters.</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>Which minor character was the most significant?</p> <p>Explain why in detail.</p>

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<p>Name four of the most important events that occur in the book and include the page number(s):</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p>	<p>Explain why each event listed on the left is important.</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p>
<p>Describe the main setting:</p>	<p>Explain why the main setting was a significant part of the book.</p> <p>How did it affect the plot?</p>

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What did the main character learn about life?

Provide specific details to support your answer.

What did you learn about life from the novel?