

June 2019
8th Grade Summer Reading
My Dog Skip by Willie Morris (ISBN: 9780679767220)

The book may be checked out from the middle level office, or it may be purchased from a retailer (approximately \$14.95). Books at IWA may be checked out until Friday, June 28, between 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m. Cost for lost or damaged books is \$14.95.

Only 25 copies of the book are available for check out!

To make sure that someone will be available in the office, please call prior to going to the school.

Read all instructions and questions before you begin reading!
As you are reading, you will find answers to the questions.

All answers to the assignment must be typed in the following format:

Times New Roman 1" margins
12 font Double-space
No oversized fonts or bolding

Save the assignment on your computer or on a flash drive! Save all future English 8 assignments on your computer or on a flash drive.

Heading is typed on the left side of the first page only. Use the format below.

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English 8-3

August 14, 2019

The vocabulary list and the typed responses will be turned in on Friday, August 14, 2019. Borrowed books also will be turned in on that Friday.

The assignment will be graded for the following:

- Timeliness (assignment turned in on time)
- Heading format
- Answers format
- Neatness and aesthetics
- Number of questions answered correctly
 - Part I, Vocabulary
 - Part II, Characters
 - Part III, Setting
 - Part IV, Sensory Details
 - Part V, Emotions
 - Part VI, In your own words

A comprehensive test over the book will be administered after August 14.

Part I, Vocabulary: As you read each chapter, find 3 **challenging** vocabulary words. There are 11 chapters, so your list will include 33 vocabulary words.

Type a list of vocabulary words, by chapter.

- Type the title of the chapter. Chapter titles are placed in quotations.
- Type one **challenging** word and its definition
- Type the sentence from the book in which the word is used. The book's sentence is typed in quotation marks. The end quotation mark is placed **after** the period. You may shorten the length of the sentence where there is a logical conclusion, as in some of the examples below. If you shorten the sentence, you must use ellipses (three consecutive periods . . .) The quotation mark is placed **after** the ellipses.
- Type an original, parallel sentence that uses the vocabulary word correctly.

Example: Do not use my example!

Number your chapters 1-33. Define 33 challenging vocabulary words.

1. "A faded Photograph"

Mesmerizing: hypnotize

"He would sit down and look you straight in the eye, a long mesmerizing gaze, and when he understood what you were saying, he would turn his head sideways. . ."

The cat jumped and looked straight into the sky, a quick mesmerizing stare, and when he was done, he quickly ran away.

Part II, Characters: Find **one** sentence to describe each character listed below. The descriptive sentence is in quotation marks. Follow the instructions for quotations, as listed in Part I. Write the page number at the end of the description, using MLA format.

Example: Do not use my example!

9. John Abner: "a frightened little boy walking stealthily through the trees, looking all around and flashing his light in every direction (15)." **(Note the placement of the page number and the quotation marks.)**

1. Rivers Applewhite
2. Willie
3. Mama
4. Daddy

5. Dink
6. The Bullies
7. Skip
8. The Moonshiners

Part III, Setting: Where necessary, answer the following questions by providing specific examples from the book. Answer each question by restating the question.

Example: Do not use my example!

16. What would families do in the evenings?

In the evenings, families would “sit out on our front porches in the hot, serene nights and say hello to everyone who walked by (7).”

9. List **one** sentences from the book that provides information to indicate that the setting is in the 1940s. Follow the instructions for quotations, as listed above.

10. List **three** locations within the city of Yazoo City, Mississippi, where Willie had adventures.

11. In your own words, tell about the **three** adventures, one for each location.

12. Provide **one** sentence from the book that refer to the war that was going on at that time. Follow the instructions for quotations, as listed above.

Part IV, Sensory Details: List **one** sentence from the book for each of the senses listed below. The sentence must provide a detail for that sense. Follow the instructions for quotations, as listed above.

Example: Do not use my example!

13. Sights: “The whole town was also abundant with alleys behind the paved thoroughfares inherited from an earlier day, little vagrant pathways running with scant design or reason behind the houses and stores and barns and chicken yards and gardens (7).”

13. Sights **Do not use my example!**
14. Sounds
15. Smells
16. Tastes
17. Textures

Part V, Emotions: Find sentences in the book that explain how Willie experienced the following emotions. Write **one** sentence for each emotion. Follow the instructions for quotations, as listed above.

Example: Do not use my example!

I. Doing something scary: My friends and I told him we would give him a quarter if he would walk alone, carrying a flashlight, at nine o'clock one night, halfway through the spooky town cemetery to the "witch's grave . . . (13-14)"

19. Bullying
20. Death
22. Having a best friend
23. Having a pet
24. Being mean and then regretting it
25. Making new friends
26. Doing something scary

Part VI, In your own words: Answer the following questions in your own words.

27. Which is your favorite chapter? Use details from the chapter to explain why it is your favorite chapter.
28. Which chapter did you like the least? Use details from the chapter to explain why it is your least favorite chapter.
29. In which chapter would you like to have been a character? How would you have been involved in the chapter?
30. Except for Willie and Skip, who is your favorite character?
How does this character treat others?
What particular thing do you appreciate the most about this character?
31. Who is your least favorite character?
How does this character treat others?
What particular thing do you dislike the most about this character?
32. Why is this book considered a *memoir*? Provide **three** examples from the book.
34. Tell a friend why he/she should read this book.