

Summer Reading

English Skills 10

The book for your summer reading is **The Car** by Gary Paulsen. The book can be found at a local bookstore or your local library. Your reading activities must be typed in Times New Roman, font 12. Please use black ink only. All **activities** are **due** on the second day of class, **August 23, 2006**. This assignment is worth 100 points.

Part 1. Vocabulary

For each of the following words you must:

1. Tell what part of speech it is
2. Give the definition
3. Use the word in a sentence to demonstrate your understanding of the word

Example: accustomed – (adjective) usual; customary

Since Eleanor was accustomed to getting a ride to school, she was upset she had to walk to school.

accustomed	fundamental	prosperous	tedium
compression	imperceptible	provision	terminate
disperse	jargon	rummage	texture
distinct	misnomer	sanction	torque
emblem	petty	splice	tycoon

Part 2. Short Answer

Answer each of the following questions with complete sentences. Some questions may require several paragraphs to completely **answer all parts of the questions**.

1. Describe a trip, local or far away, that you've taken without your parents. What was this experience like for you? How was this different than going with your parents?
2. What options did Terry have other than taking the car and traveling? Why did he pick the option that he did? What would you have done? Why?
3. What would be the most challenging aspects of being on your own at your age? What would you be able to handle easily? Why? What would be most difficult for you? Why?
4. Describe something that you assembled, built, or created. Explain the steps of the building process. Why did you complete this project? What makes building something a special experience?

Part 3. Essay

In a well developed, multi paragraph (at least 5) response, answer the following:

Were Wayne and Waylon a positive or negative influence on Terry?

Use specific quotes and examples from the novel to prove your position. Only argue one side of the issue. Be sure to proofread your final copy of your essay before turning it in. Correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation are expected.