

# 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUMMER READING

- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
- William Allen White Nominees

# Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

## A Novel Study

This summer we'd like you to do as much reading as you can. Reading will keep your mind active and help ensure that you are ready for the beginning of the year.

**These are required 4<sup>th</sup> grade assignments that will be assessed and recorded the 1st week of school.**

1. For the first Fourth Grade Summer Reading assignment, you are required to read *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume. If you have already read this book, please read it again as you complete the literature log activities included in this packet

As you read the book, complete the questions and activities in the attached packet. Answer these as you read each chapter. Please do not wait until you've read the entire book to look at this log. Then write a letter to Mrs. Oswald about the story.

2. In addition to reading *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, you are asked to read **at least one book off this year's William Allen White list** and complete the book summary sheet for it.

The books on the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Master List are:

- *The Adventures of Sir Lancelot the Great* –Gerald Morris
- *Buffalo Song*-Joseph Bruchac
- *Chancey of the Maury River*-Gigi Amateau
- *Eleven*-Patricia Reilly Giff
- *42 Miles*-Tracie Vaughn Zimmer
- *Freedom Train*-Evelyn Coleman
- *Masterpiece*-Elise Broach
- *Planting the Trees of Kenya: the Story of Wangari Maathai*-Claire A. Nivola
- *Swindle*-Gordon Korman

After reading one of these books, please complete the book summary sheet.

**\*\*Students who read two books from the list will be eligible to vote online next year for the William Allen White Children's Book of the Year Award.**

## **This packet should be turned in on the first day of school!!!**

Visit the following website to learn more about Judy Blume: <http://www.judyblume.com/menu-main.html>

### **Chapters 1-2**

1. What did Fudge do to the Yarby's suitcase? \_\_\_\_\_
2. According to Peter, what was his biggest problem? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did Fudge do with the flowers? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where does Peter live? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Tell about a time when you won something special, or tell about your pet.

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### **Chapters 3-4**

1. What did Peter's father do when Fudge didn't eat his cereal? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Why did Fudge eat his dinner on the floor? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Who did Mrs. Hatcher blame for Fudge's accident? \_\_\_\_\_
4. According to Peter, why don't leaves turn bright colors in the fall in New York City?  
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5. What did Grandma tell Fudge to get him to drink his milkshake? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Chapters 5-6

1. What did Fudge do when he saw the saddle shoes Mr. Berman brought out?

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2. What did Fudge do with his peas during lunch?

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3. What was Dr. Brown's rule about mothers?

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### Chapters 7-8

1. What other thing happened to cause Peter's parents to put a lock on his door?

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2. What did Peter say he would do rather than take money from Fudge?

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3. Why was Sheila going to rewrite all their written work into the booklet?

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4. What happened to the first poster?

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### Chapters 9-10

1. What did Fudge do with his popcorn during the movie?

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2. What present did Peter get?

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3. What did Mr. Hatcher make for dinner for Fudge and Peter?

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4. What would the doctors have to do to Fudge if the medicine didn't work?

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## Responding to the Story

Write a friendly letter to Mrs. Oswald about *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*. Make sure to include:

1. A heading (the date at the top)
2. A greeting (Dear Mrs. Oswald,)
3. A closing (Sincerely, your name)

In the body be sure to include:

1. A starting sentence that states the book's title.
2. Two of your favorite parts and WHY.
3. A part of the story that reminds you of your life, someone you know, or another book you've read and WHY.
4. How the book made you feel and WHY.
5. Any questions you'd like to ask Me.



