



Academy of the Sacred Heart

2020 Social Studies Summer Reading for Incoming 6th Graders

Two books should be read for social studies: *Homeless Bird* and *Chu Ju's House*. Both novels are written by Gloria Whelan. You are to compare and contrast the stories. Complete the following activities for the first day of school.

I. VENN DIAGRAM and PAPER

Using a Venn diagram, CLEARLY compare/contrast the two books. Then, write a one-page paper on 1) the similarities between the two main characters, and 2) how you personally identify with them.

II. WORLD MAP

Illustrate a world map on a half-sized piece of poster board. Label and color 1) the country in which each book takes place, 2) the great river mentioned in each book, and 3) identify and label a major city mentioned in each book.

Also, on the world map, NAME and LABEL the following:

- a) the 7 continents
- b) the 5 oceans
- c) major river(s) on each continent
- d) the equator and the prime meridian
- e) the north and south poles