

Summer Assignment

Inspired by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke, The Invention of Wings tells the story of Sarah's life starting on her eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership of ten-year-old Handful, who is to be her slave. The story follows their remarkable journeys over the next thirty-five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement, and the uneasy ways of love.

Essay- due September 12<sup>th</sup> on Turn it in. This will count as a 25-point assessment.

Directions: Answer the following prompt using examples from the book and your own analysis.

Sarah and Handful were both disenfranchised in their own ways. Analyze how the life of each one was impacted by their disenfranchisement.

The following are themes or issues in the book-please keep them in mind as you are reading.

- The inhumanity of slavery
- Resistance to slavery
- Equality
- Religion
- Societal norms
- Women's suffrage/place in society/misogyny
- Role of Quakers in the abolitionist movement

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