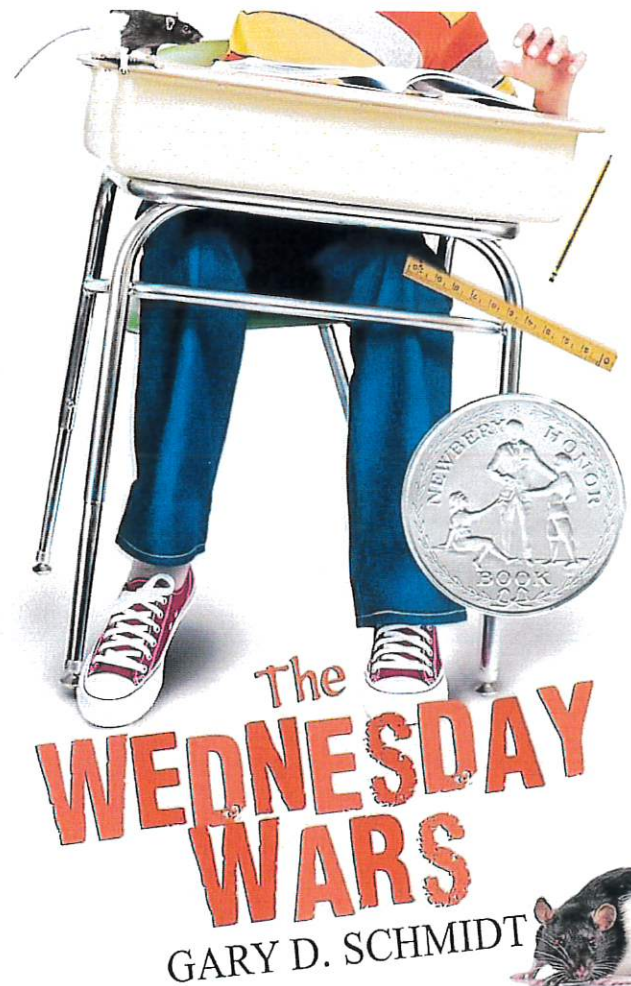


The Wednesday Wars

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7th Grade Student Summer Reading

Name: _____

Please answer the questions for each of the chapters as you read this book.

Each chapter summary should be 3-5 sentences long and include important details taking place in Holling's life.

Attach loose leaf paper should you need it.

You may reach out over the summer with any questions- esmith@ndbethlehemschool.org

The packets are due the first week of school.

We look forward to reading them and exploring the book in more detail once we return in the fall.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Smith

September 1967

Chapter Summary (3-5 sentences)

1. What is the most likely reason behind Mrs. Baker's tough persona?

2. Describe the general setting of the story (include where and when).

3. Explain why Holling is left behind on Wednesday afternoons with Mrs. Baker. Why does he dread this?

October 1967

Chapter Summary (3-5 sentences)

4. What is Holling to do on Wednesdays (to start)?

5. Explain the sequence of events with the cream puffs that Mrs. Bigio made.

6. In "The Merchant of Venice," who does Holling most identify with and why?

November 1967

Chapter Summary (3-5 sentences)

7. On pgs. 54-55, while grading essays, Mrs. Baker “spreads a red plague over them with her pen.” What does this mean?

8. What happens to the cream puffs that Holling brought in for his class?

9. What happens to Mrs. Bigio at the end of the chapter?

December 1967

Chapter Summary (3-5 sentences)

10. Mai Thi says to Holling, “Not good to be warrior.”
What does that mean (think about her background)?

11. For what reason did Danny give his autographed
baseball back to Mickey Mantle?

12. How did you feel about the last Wednesday’s events
before Christmas break (pgs. 97-99)?

January 1968

Chapter Summary (3-5 sentences)

13. What are Holling's sister's feelings on the Vietnam War? How do you know?

14. How did Holling hurt Mrs. Baker's feelings?

15. Describe the sequence of events around the bus scene (pgs. 123-125).

February 1968

Chapter Summary (3-5 sentences)

16. What “tragedy” befell Hoodhood and Assoc.? How did it happen?

17. Make a prediction about Lt. Baker.

March 1968

Chapter Summary (3-5 sentences)

18. What is a “soothsayer” and why does Mrs. Baker call Holling one?

19. How did Mrs. Baker surprise Holling on pg. 170?

20. Explain Mrs. Bigio’s turning point with Mai Thi.

April 1968

Chapter Summary (3-5 sentences)

21. Describe the relationship Holling has with his father. How do you prove that? Meaning, give details about what they say or do and how they interact.

22. What did Meryl Lee do at the end of the chapter?

May 1968

Chapter Summary (3-5 sentences)

23. We finally learn Holling's sister's name is Heather. What does this "reveal" show us about their changed relationship?

24. Was your prediction about Lt. Baker correct? What happened to him?

June 1968

Chapter Summary (3-5 sentences)

25. How does the 7th grade celebrate at the end of the school year? Would you rather this trip or your regular class field trip?

26. How does Mrs. Bigio show kindness to Mai Thi?

27. What do Holling and his dad argue about after Danny's bar mitzvah?
