

# POPCS Summer Reading “One Pager” for Incoming Eighth Grade Students

Title of Book: *Holes*

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**Quotes** - Select two important quotes or dialogue from the novel or book and describe your




1. "It was a family joke. They always blamed Stanley's no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather." (I chose this quote because it tells us why the Yelnats have bad luck. It also foreshadows about the curse.)
2. (In a flashback) Sam told the men "You got to get it into your bloodstream. The lizards don't like onion blood." (This quote is important because it connects past events with the present. It explains why the lizards do not bite

**Vocabulary** - Find 8 unfamiliar words. Write the sentence that the word is within. Use your context clues or another strategy to uncover the meaning.






1. Stanley's father was smart and had a lot of perseverance. Pg 8 By using context clues, I think perseverance means that you should keep trying.
2. The land was barren and desolate. (11) The following sentences talk about how nothing is around. This makes me think that the words mean empty or alone.
3. Stanley leaned back against the torn vinyl upholstery. (44) The context clues lead me to believe that the word means a cover or what the couch was made of.
4. The Warden got a pitchfork out of the back of the pickup. (69) The following sentences talk about her poking around in the dirt. Therefore, I think the word means a type of tool that may look like a fork.
5. He wondered if ZigZag was being paranoid. (71) Paranoid probably means nervous or always worrying.
6. It's only toxic while it's wet. (90) The rest of the paragraph talks about the rattlesnake nail polish. I think toxic means harmful.
7. He took a deep breath, then walked the last fifty yards to the giant precipice and touched it. I know they were talking about "God's thumb and I think it was a rock mountain. This makes me think the word means the top of the mountain.
8. They climbed down into adjacent holes, and waited for the camp to fall asleep. (197) Adjacent means near or next to one another. There were two boys and I know they were in separate holes.

**Beginning**

You may use bulleted information, but make sure to include the elements of fiction. (I.E. setting, characters, conflict climax and resolution )

-  Stanley Yelnats is sent to Camp Green lake after he is accused of stealing a baseball player's shoes.
-  We are introduced to his camp mates. Zero is one of them and is crucial to the story.
-  Zero is a fast digger and we learn that he can not read. Zero stand for his last name, Zeroni. This too is critical to the story.

**Middle**

-  We learn in flashbacks the history of the Yelnat's. We discover how Kate Barlow became Kissin' Kate.
-  Stanley and Zero become closer. Stanley teaches Zero how to read.
-  Zero runs away from camp. The next day Stanley runs away from camp to find him.
-  They stumble across Marylou, the boat and a jar of Kate's very old peaches.
-  They find refuge on God's thumb. This is the same mountain that Stanley's great grandfather sought refuge.

**End**

- Curse is broken after Stanley carries Zero up "God's Thumb."
- Stanley and Zero decide to dig one more hole and find the treasure.
- The warden finds them in the hole with the unopened trunk. There are lizards all around the boys.
- The lizards do not bite them because they ate all of the onions.
- The trunk has the name STANLEY YELNATS on the front.
- Stanley's dad invents a foot order spray the day the curse is broken.
- Camp Green Lake becomes a Girl Scout Camp and Zero hires private detectives to find his mother.