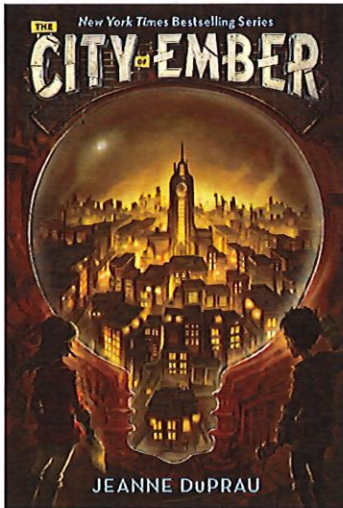


## 5th Grade Summer Reading

This summer, enjoy the book The City of Ember! You can buy it, check it out from the library, or borrow it from a friend! There are before activities to do before you read and after activities to do after you have read the book.



### **BEFORE you Read:**

Define the following terms on a separate sheet of paper and use each one in a sentence.

- clamor
- Anticipation
- throng
- infected
- chasm
- gauges
- absolute
- complicated
- puzzled
- plodding

Write one paragraph (4-6 sentences) about the following question. Make sure you have a good opening sentence and a good conclusion sentence.

**How can a challenge bring out our best?**

### **AFTER you Read:**

*Answer each question with 2-3 complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper.*

1. Pay attention to "The Instructions" before chapter one in the book. Keep remembering them as you read the book, and re-read them when you finish.
2. Who do you think built Ember and why? When does the book happen?



3. Why did Doon want to trade jobs? Why was Lina so happy to trade with him? How does Lina's new job really suit her? Describe Lina and Doon and the other characters you meet in the first few chapters.
4. Describe the jobs the other kids get. What would you want to do, if you lived in Ember?
5. How would you have felt about sharing "Lizzie's groceries?" There are clues in this chapter that Lina puts together with Doon's "Dreadful discovery." What are they? Somehow, they still don't have the whole picture until Song Rehearsal Day. Describe how you imagine you would feel in their place?
6. In "Where the river goes," Lina, Doon, and Poppy display different reactions to their journey out of Ember. Do you identify with any of them, or would you have had a different reaction? How do the characters of Lina and Doon determine what happens in the book? Would you want them for friends?
7. Do you think the ending of the book was realistic? If not, how would you have changed it? Does the ending fit with "The Instructions," at the beginning of the book?
8. There is a sequel to The City of Ember, called The People of Sparks. Do you think you will read it? Why or why not?

**I'm looking forward to discussing all the themes and questions with you when you return to school in August! Welcome to Fifth Grade!**

