

5th Grade Summer Reading  
2023

Hello 5th graders!

This summer we are going to read The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau. You can borrow this book from the library, purchase your own copy, or borrow one from a friend. You need to read the book over the summer - BEFORE school starts again. Complete the following questions. We will do more with the book once we return in August. Please bring a copy of the book with you on the first day of school.

Have a great summer!  
Mrs. Kristen

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau SUMMARY:

The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. She and her friend Doon must decipher the message before the lights go out on Ember forever! This stunning debut novel offers refreshingly clear writing and fascinating, original characters.

- **Complete the following before you begin reading. On a separate sheet of paper, define each term, give the part of speech, and use each one in a sentence.**

Clamor	Anticipation	Throng	Infected	Chasm
Gauge (noun)	Absolute	Complicated	Puzzled (adj)	Plodding (v)

- **After you finish reading, answer the following questions using at least 2-3 complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper.**
1. Who do you think built Ember and why? When does the book take place?
  2. Why does Doon want to trade jobs? Why is Lina so happy to trade with him? How does Lina's new job suit her?
  3. Describe the jobs the other kids get. What job would you want if you lived in Ember? Why?
  4. In "Where the River Goes," Lina, Doon, and Poppy display different reactions to their journey out of Ember. What kind of reaction would you have had? Similar to one of theirs or something different? Explain.



5. Do you think the ending of the book is realistic? If not, how would you have changed it?  
Does the ending fit with "The Instructions" at the beginning of the book?
6. I HAVE / HAVE NOT (Circle one.) finished my required reading for the summer.

**Please bring this paper back to school completed on the first day!**