

Welcome to Junior Great Books!!!

Each week we will read a short story to prepare for a group discussion about the story. We will be coming up with our own ideas supported by the story and class discussions only. I will ask questions with more than one right answer and I will help you develop stronger answers with guidance and further questions. I will not provide any answers or judge your answer. The group will listen to each other and everyone will participate. You can agree or disagree with a classmate, but you need to have your reasoning supported by the story. There will be NO hand raising because I want you to be listening carefully to your classmates. You can speak up whenever it feels appropriate and I will help guide the discussion. Everyone needs to be prepared for discussion. See below for what being prepared means.

To prepare for discussion:

1. Review my study guide with new vocabulary and questions.
2. Read the story the first time to enjoy it and understand it.
3. Read the story a second time and take notes on a separate piece of paper by writing text clues and page number to help you remember. It may help to take a break in between your readings to really let the story sink in.
4. Write your answers on the study guide.
5. Remember to listen and to participate during the next discussion.

Thanks for your hard work!