

Complete Summer Reading Package for Incoming 6th Graders

Welcome to 6th Grade!

Hello, future 6th graders! This summer, you'll be reading *A.K.A Genius* by Marilee Haynes. This package will help you enjoy the book, track your reading, and think deeply about what you learn. Have fun!

You will need a copy of the book (come sign one out in the 6th Grade Room), a single subject notebook and a good place to read!

Part 1: About the Book

A.K.A Genius by Marilee Haynes

This novel follows a smart, funny character navigating friendship, school, and discovering who they really are. As you read, you'll laugh, think about tough situations, and maybe see yourself in the story.

Reading Goal: Complete the book by the end of summer and fill out your reading log as you go.

Part 2: Reading Log

Use this log format in a single subject notebook to track your reading progress. Write the date, pages read, and a quick note about what happened.

Date	Pages Read	What Happened	My Feelings
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Part 3: Novel Study Guide

Answer these questions as you read. You don't have to answer them all at once—spread them out!

Characters

Main Character: Who is the main character? Write 3 words that describe them.

Character Traits: What is something the main character does that shows who they are?

Friends: Who are the main character's friends? How do they help or challenge the main character?

Plot and Story

Beginning: What problem does the main character face at the start of the book?

Middle: What happens that makes the problem bigger or more interesting?

End: How does the main character solve the problem or grow as a person?

Themes (Big Ideas)

Friendship: What does this book teach you about being a good friend?

Being Smart: The title mentions "genius." What does the book say about being smart? Is it just about grades?

Growing Up: What does the main character learn about themselves?

Part 4: Vocabulary Words

As you read, write down 5 words you didn't know. Look them up or guess from the story. Write the word, what it means, and how it was used in the book. Use the same single subject notebook for this as well.

Word	Meaning	How It Was Used

Part 5: Reflection Prompts

Write 3–5 sentences for each prompt. There are no wrong answers!

Prompt 1: Connection to You

Which character reminds you most of yourself? Why? What do you have in common? Write this in your notebook and label it Prompt 1

Prompt 2: A Tough Moment

Describe a moment in the book when the main character faced a hard choice. What would you have done? Write this in your notebook and label it Prompt 2

Prompt 3: Favorite Scene

What was your favorite part of the book? Why did it stick with you? Write this in your notebook and label it Prompt 3

Prompt 4: A Message for Others

If you could tell a friend one thing about this book, what would it be? Write this in your notebook and label it Prompt 4

Prompt 5: Your Own Story

The main character discovers something important about themselves. What is something you've discovered about yourself this summer? Write this in your notebook and label it Prompt 5

Part 6: Discussion Questions

Talk about these questions with a family member, friend, or write your thoughts. We will also discuss these questions in September.

1. How does the main character change from the beginning to the end of the book?
2. What is the funniest moment in the book? Why did it make you laugh?
3. Would you want to be friends with the main character? Why or why not?
4. What problem in the book is similar to problems kids your age face?
5. If you could add one more chapter to the book, what would happen?

Part 7: Creative Extension Activities

Choose one or more to do this summer!

Activity 1: Character Poster

Draw or make a poster of the main character. Include their name, 5 traits, and a quote from the book that shows who they are.

Activity 2: Book Recommendation

Write a short paragraph recommending this book to another 6th grader. What should they know before reading it?

Activity 3: Scene Illustration

Draw your favorite scene from the book. Label the characters and write 2–3 sentences explaining why you chose this moment.

Activity 4: Letter Writing

Write a letter to the main character. Tell them what you think about their choices, ask them a question, or give them advice.

Activity 5: Playlist

Create a playlist of 5 songs that match the mood or message of the book. Write the song title, artist, and one sentence explaining why it fits.

Part 8: Comprehension Check

Answer these questions after you finish the book.

1. What is the main problem the character faces?
2. Name two important characters besides the main character.
3. What does the main character learn about friendship?
4. How does the main character solve their problem?
5. What is the most important moment in the book? Why?

Part 9: Summer Reading Tips

- ✓ Read a little bit each day instead of all at once.
- ✓ Find a quiet, comfy place to read.
- ✓ Keep your reading log nearby to jot down notes.
- ✓ Don't worry if you don't understand every word—keep reading!
- ✓ Talk about the book with others. Hearing what they think helps you understand it better.
- ✓ Take breaks and enjoy the story.

Part 10: Bring It to 6th Grade!

When you start 6th grade, bring this package with you. Your teacher might want to talk about the book, and you'll be ready to share your thoughts!

You've got this! Happy reading! 📖 I am as close as an email chunt@sfacatholic.org

I am so excited to get to know each of you better in 6th Grade,

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