

Incoming sixth grade summer reading assignment:

1) *Trapped* by Marc Aronson

This is a non-fiction account of the rescue of Chilean miners whose underground cavern collapsed, trapping them 2,000 feet below the earth's surface. As you read, consider and record answers to these questions. Please answer in complete sentences. You may type or write your answers.

- a. Why was this smaller, older mine less safe than others in the area?
- b. Why did the men choose to work there, knowing it was unsafe?
- c. To rescue the men, several countries helped. Name at least three countries that helped somehow.
- d. The rescue required both math and science.
 - Identify two different parts of the rescue that required math.
 - Identify two different BRANCHES of science that were required to rescue the men. Examples of a branch of science include astronomy, biology, and chemistry.
- e. Who was Hephaistos?
- f. Why did the doctors have to be careful about what food the miners were given to eat until they could be brought to the surface?

2) Choice fiction novel (empathy)

Choose two quotes from the book that you feel speak to you. Be prepared to explain why these quotes are meaningful.

Choose one character from the book that you feel connected to in some way. Be prepared to share a list of character traits this character has.