



## Sixth Grade

The summer reading selection for upcoming sixth graders is *The Mystery of the Egyptian Scroll* by Scott Peters. You are expected to read this book prior to the beginning of the new school year in August. You will have a choice of activities to choose from based on your personal interests and learning styles to demonstrate your understanding of the book. The reading and activity will be due by August 13, 2018. A book will be checked out to you before you leave for summer break and will need to be returned during the first week of the new school year.

**Activity options (please choose one):**

### **Option 1: Book Soundtrack**

Create a soundtrack for *The Mystery of the Egyptian Scroll*. Like music used in movie and musical soundtracks, the songs that you select will need to relate to significant elements in the novel. Include the following with your project: a CD with the songs (if possible) or a link to the playlist and a CD jacket including illustrations.

1. You will need to pick five different songs, one pertaining to each of the following:
  - a. A particular character
  - b. The relationship between two or more characters
  - c. The prominent theme in the novel (remember a theme is a life message)
  - d. The tone of a specific passage.
  - e. The setting of the novel in general or at a specific point
2. Write a 3-5 sentence response/explanation for each choice. Each response/explanation needs to be clearly labeled as to which of the five elements it is covering. Each response must also have at least one significant quote from your novel (with page number!) connected to at least one lyric line from the song. Remember: \* SONGS MUST BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE!

### **Option 2: Original Movie Trailer**

If you think *The Mystery of the Egyptian Scroll* would make a great movie, create a movie trailer to sell it to a larger audience. Use technology to create a movie trailer (1-3 minutes) that highlights the theme of the novel and the pivotal moments when characters made specific choices that changed the outcome of the work. Use Animoto, a similar online tool, or the Movie option on iMovie. Make sure there is music and the trailer appropriately matches the book. Include at least one significant quote to add to the trailer. See an example: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-PZnRlqa8c>



### **Option 3: Infographic**

Using an infographic template like [easli.ly](https://easli.ly) or [piktochart](https://piktochart.com) to create a diagram, timeline, or other graphic for *The Mystery of the Egyptian Scroll*. Your graphic can chart how a favorite character changes throughout the story, how major events contribute to the theme of the novel, or how the author structures the text to create mystery, tension, or surprise. You must have at least 7 different points, and each must correspond to a quote from the novel. (include page number)

### **Option 4: Thematic Poster:**

Create a poster that demonstrates your ability to articulate the THEME of *The Mystery of the Egyptian Scroll*. What is the author saying about life, humanity, the world? Each poster should contain:

- a. A title that clearly states the THEME (e.g. Humans are Beautiful or Humans are Brutal)
- b. Three examples from the novel (excerpts from the text, quotes from the text along with an appropriate image or illustration) and two examples (visuals, graphics) from the real world supporting the theme.
- c. One to two paragraphs of explanation for each example. This should explain why these examples from the book and the real world show that humans are more beautiful or brutal.
- d. At least five quality images: hand-drawn, cut from a magazine, or found electronically (think carefully about what a quality image is before choosing one for your poster).



### **Option 5: Character Autopsy**

Directions: For each body part listed, you are to artistically and symbolically represent one of the main characters from *The Mystery of the Egyptian Scroll*. For example, a hard-hearted or stubborn character may have a heart made out of stone. On a separate sheet of paper, for each body part, give a quotation supporting your illustration and explain that illustration and quote/metaphor.

#### **Body Parts:**

- The heart should represent what this character loves most. Decide what it should look like (whole, broken, “hardened,” etc.). Write a quote next to it from the text and explain why it is drawn that way or why he loves this person/thing/idea.
- The backbone should convey what motivates the character most. Think about ways to show why your character does what he or she does. Write a quote next to it from the text and explain why it shows what motivates him.
- The head represents his dreams, philosophy or vision. Support this with a quote(s) from the text.
- The mouth represents the character’s point of view. It could be the characters use of irony, understatement, satire, or sarcasm. Support this with a quote(s) from the text.
- The hands should be holding literal (real) or figurative (symbolic) items associated with the character.
- The hands should be the conflict with which the character must deal. Please support with a quote and explanation from the text.
- The legs represent the actions of the character in the text. You may paraphrase here, but cite the page number(s) from the text.
- The feet should be a symbolic representation of the character’s most fundamental beliefs about life. Explain what is most important to them based on a quote(s) and why.
- The background should include elements that suggest the novel’s theme or central idea

### **Option 6: Twitter feed for a major character**

Make a timeline of major events in *The Mystery of the Egyptian Scroll*. Be sure the timeline of your newsfeed reflects the time period of your plot in the novel. This must look like an actual Twitter newsfeed AND cover the entire plot of your novel. You may use [Fake Twitter Template](#) to create your timeline or you can create them using another source. For this assignment, you should include the following:

- **At least 20** tweets in text form
- **At least 10** picture or image posts with captions
- Interactions between your character and others
- A profile picture
- A cover image that states the theme of the work