

6th Grade Reading II (Accelerated) 2017 Summer Assignment

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A Family Apart: The Orphan Train Adventures

Author: Joan Lowery Nixon

Hello, upcoming sixth grade students! Welcome to the Middle School! You will begin your adventure this school year by reading the novel *A Family Apart* and completing the following assignments:

Directions:

- Write your first and last name on each page that you turn in.
- All parts of the assignment must be done in pencil and on notebook paper. Do not write on the back of your paper.
- Skip two lines after completing each section (each Roman numeral).
Example: I. Story Elements (Then skip 2 lines before starting Roman numeral II).

II. Character Traits (Then skip 2 lines before starting Roman numeral III).

- Assignments should be done in order and be labeled with the same Roman numeral and heading that goes with each section.
- Your work must be turned in on the second day of school.
- Your work will be graded for accuracy, neatness, grammar, spelling, organization, and following directions.

I. Story Elements: (Answer in complete sentences.)

Setting: (when and where the main part of the story takes place)

Main Characters: (the people or animals in a story)

Plot: (the main action in the story)

Resolution: (how the problem is solved)

Theme: (the message or lesson the author wants the reader to receive from the book)

Point of View: (from whose eyes the story is told)

II. Character Traits: (qualities about a person that shape the personality) (What a character says, how the character acts, and what others say about a character provides evidence about his or her character.)

List 2 character traits **each** for 1 Frances Kelly, 2 Mrs. Kelly, 3 Mike Kelly, 4 Danny Kelly, 5 Mr. Crandon, 6 Katherine Banks. Cite one example of **specific evidence** from the book and the **page number** as support for **each** trait.

III. Opinion Paragraph:

Do you think the Kelly children will ever be reunited with their birth mother? Write a paragraph telling how they will or will not be reunited. Your paragraph must contain a **minimum of six** good sentences.

IV. Alternate Ending: (an ending to the story that is different than the way the book ended)

In the story Mike Kelly got in trouble with the law, which led to much heartache for the Kelly family. Use your imagination to rewrite what might have happened to the family if Mike had **not** gotten into this trouble. This must contain a **minimum of six** good sentences.

V. Summarization: (tell the main ideas about the book in your own words)

Pretend that someone who has not read *A Family Apart* is going to read your summary. Write a summary that tells the main points of the book. Your summary must be a **minimum of six** good sentences. Neither the book summary nor the internet summary will be accepted.