

May 18, 2007

Summer Reading Requirement  
Incoming Seventh Graders  
St. Joseph Regional Junior High School

Step One: Read *Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway

Step Two: Write a plot summary of about 200 words.....YOUR OWN WORDS!

Step Three: Answer the following reader response questions. Each response should be at least one well-developed paragraph of about seven sentences.

1. What is it about Santiago that you admire or find intriguing? How can *you* relate to this character?
2. Describe the major conflict in this novel. (The major conflict is the challenge, problem, dilemma or struggle presented in the story.)
3. What did you learn about life from this book? (A story's main message is called its theme and often teaches us something important or gives us insight into life.) How is the theme of this novel significant to *you*?

Your summary and responses must be typed (font size 12) and double spaced. This assignment is due the first day of school. Have a great summer!