

Required Summer Reading - 5th Grade 2022/2023

5th Grade students are required to read:

The Last Bear by Hannah Gold

This fiction-adventure novel is “about friendship, forging your own path, and doing what’s right. There are no polar bears left on Bear Island. At least, that’s what April’s father tells her when his scientific research takes them to a faraway Arctic outpost. But one night, April catches a glimpse of something distinctly bear shaped loping across the horizon. A polar bear who shouldn’t be there—who is hungry, lonely and a long way from home (goodreads.com).

A Plot Diagram, to be completed by your student, is included below. This will assist your child with recalling key characters, setting, and events from the story. It is best practice to include page numbers on the Plot Diagram for reference. Your student will need to bring their novel and completed Plot Diagram to class when school resumes in August. This activity will be used for an in-class assignment.

Plot Diagram

Name:

Climax - turning point of the conflict(s)/highest point in story:

Rising Action - major events/conflicts that the character(s) face:

Falling Action - how conflicts are solved:

Exposition - character(s), setting, situation:

Resolution - clear ending to the story:

