



## Rolling Hills Prep School Summer Reading 2010 Sixth Grade

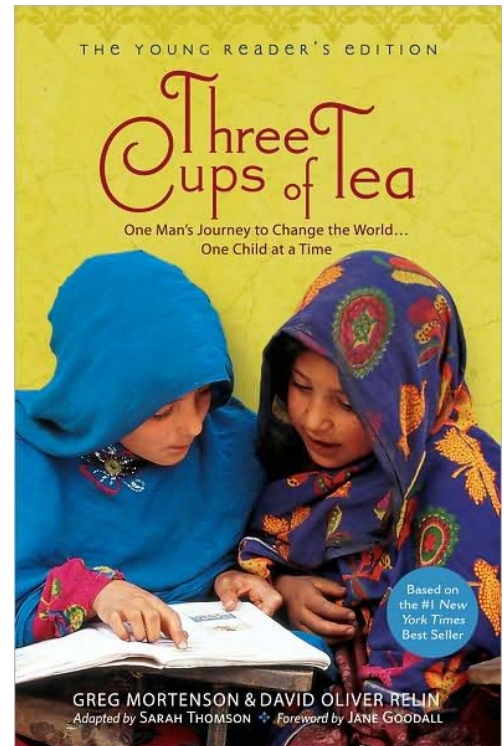
All middle school students are required to read two books: the all-school book and one book for their English classes. Of course, we encourage you to read more! Please see the Suggestions for Further Reading following this list.

### All-School Book for Middle School:

#### *Three Cups of Tea: Young Readers' Edition*

By Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are asked to read this book and post a response of 100 or more words at <http://rhpussummerreading2010.blogspot.com>. Your social studies teacher will keep track of this assignment. You may wish to respond to the discussion questions included with this announcement.



### Additional Sixth Grade English Department Requirement

Students should expect written assessments on the English Department book early in the fall trimester in their English classes.

**Sixth grade:** *Twenty Gold Falcons* or *The Gorillas of Gill Park* by Amy Gordon. Amy Gordon spoke at the 2010 Author's Luncheon at RHP, and we will invite her to chat via Skype with the sixth-grade class during the fall.

## **.Optional Middle School Discussion Questions on Three Cups of Tea**

1. Chapter 1 begins with the sentence “Greg Mortenson was lost.” How can this sentence be understood in a practical sense? How might this sentence be explained from an emotional point of view?
2. Why does Greg decide to build a school for the children of Korphe? In whose honor does Greg intend to build the school? How did you feel when you read that Greg was going to build a school in a remote part of a country far from his home?
3. What obstacles does Greg face in trying to get the school built? What did you learn about his struggles? How does he ultimately succeed? What are three qualities that he has that make it possible for him to fulfill his dream?
4. Greg makes some important friends that help him build the school in Korphe. How do Haji Ali, Twaha and the other people help him? Do they behave as you might have imagined villagers behaving before you read this book? How do the descriptions of Greg’s friendships with these individuals help readers feel more connected to the people of Pakistan and Afghanistan mentioned in the book?
5. How does Haji Ali explain his culture to Greg in terms of “three cups of tea”? Explain the difference between the words “uneducated” and “ignorant in terms of the story. Which characters shared the wisest insights with Greg.
6. Amira Mortenson describes the many sacrifices her family has made so that her father, Greg Mortenson, can continue to help the people of central Asia. Do you think you could make such sacrifices? Why or why not?
7. And finally – What is the most important lesson you have learned from reading this book?

## **Suggestions for Further Reading – Sixth Grade**

### Contemporary Fiction

Avi, *Nothing But the Truth*

Bloor, *Tangerine*

Buss, *Journey of the Sparrows*

Chambers, *Marisol and Magdalena: The*

*Sound of Our Sisterhood*

Columbis, *Getting Near to Baby*

Cormier, *Frenchtown Summer*

Fleischman, *Whirligig*

Fox, *The Eagle Kite*

Fox, *Monkey Island*

Gantos, *Jack’s New Power*

Gantos, *Joey Pigza Loses Control*

Grimes, *Jazmin’s Notebook*

Hamilton, *Second Cousins*

Henkes, *Olive’s Ocean*

Ho, *Clay Marble*

Konigsburg, *Silent to the Bone*

Lowry, *Messenger*

Myers, *Handbook for Boys*

Myers, *It Ain’t All for Nothin’*

Na, *A Step from Heaven*

Naylor, *Walker’s Crossing*

Oates, *Big Mouth and Ugly Girl*

Perkins, *All Alone in the Universe*

Sachar, *Holes*  
Spinelli, *Stargirl*  
Wolff, *True Believer*  
Woodson, *Miracle's Boys*  
Yee, *Millicent Min, Girl Genius*  
Yep, *The Amah*

### Fantasy/Science Fiction

Carmon, *The Land of Elyon (Series)*  
Chabon, *Summerland*  
Collins, *The Underland Chronicles (Series)*  
Cooper, *The Dark is Rising*  
Dale, *Whispering to Witches*  
Datlow, *The Green Man: Tales from the Mythic Forest*  
Foon, *The Dirt Eaters*  
Funke, *Dragon Rider, Inkheart, The Thief Lord*  
Levine, *Ella Enchanted*  
McKinley, *Rose Daughter*  
Philbrick, *The Last Book in the Universe*  
Thesman, *The Other Ones*  
Wrede, *Sorcery and Cecilia*

### Mystery

Almond, *Skellig*  
Avi, *The Man Who Was Poe*  
Cormier, *In the Middle of the Night*  
Haddix, *House on the Gulf*  
Haddix, *Running Out of Time*  
Hiaasen, *Flush*  
Hiaasen, *Hoot*  
Hoobler, *The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn*  
Ibbotson, *The Star of Kazan*  
Naylor, *Jade Green*  
Nixon, *The Name of the Game was Murder*  
Pullman, *The Ruby in the Smoke*  
Raskin, *The Westing Game*

Roberts, *The View from the Cherry Tree*  
Sneve, *High Elk's Treasure*  
Van Draanen, *Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief*  
Wande Valde, *Never Trust a Dead Man*  
Voight, *The Vandemark Mummy*  
Yep, *The Case of the Goblin Pearls*

### Historical Fiction

Alvarez, *Before We Were Free*  
Anderson, *Fever 1793*  
Avi, *Crispin: Cross of Lead*  
Avi, *Don't You Know There's a War On?*  
Choi, *Year of Impossible Goodbyes*  
Crew, *Children of the River*  
Curtis, *Bud, Not Buddy*  
Cushman, *Catherine Called Birdy*  
DeFelice, *The Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker*  
Dorris, *Guests*  
Fleischman, *Bull Run*  
Giff, *Lily's Crossing*  
Lynch, *Gold Dust*  
Meyer, *Mary, Bloody Mary*  
Myers, *Patrol: An American Solider in Vietnam*  
Napoli, *Stones in the Water*  
Park, *When My Name Was Keoko*  
Paterson, *Jip: His Story*  
Paterson, *Lyddie*  
Paulsen, *Alida's Song*  
Rees, *Witch Child*  
Stolz, *Shadows of Ghadames*  
Woods, *Red Rose Box*

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