

Summer Reading Project

Island of the Blue Dolphins by: Scott O'Dell

6th grade

After reading the book, **choose ONE of the following activities.**

This assignment is due the second day of school. It will be a test grade.

1. Imagine that you are a newspaper reporter assigned to write a human interest story about Karana on her arrival in your town after she has lived a life of isolation on her island. Write about her past, and tell how you think she will react to modern life. Needs to be one typed page.
2. If Karana had been literate, she might have kept a diary to record the events in her life. Select an important day from the novel and write an imaginary diary entry from Karana's point of view. Must be at least 2 paragraphs long. You might wish to choose one of the following times or select one of your own:
 - a. The day Karana's tribesmen left the island
 - b. The day her brother was killed by the wild dogs
 - c. The day she befriended Tutok
 - d. The day Rontu died
3. Below is a list of adjectives that describe personality. Select the four adjectives that best fit Karana's character. Describe incidents from the story that reveal each of these four traits. Must be two paragraphs long.

a. Independent	aggressive
b. Sensitive	foolish
c. Stubborn	courageous
d. Resourceful	fearful
e. Shy	gregarious
4. Make a chart that lists the basic elements of survival: food, water, shelter, and clothing. List those things in her environment that Karana used to fulfill her basic needs. Then indicate what else accounted for the quality of life Karana enjoyed while she was alone.