

# Required Summer Reading 2024

Incoming Fifth Graders  
SHCS

Bridge to Terabithia  
by Katherine Paterson

All questions must be written in complete sentences and  
cursive handwriting.

This packet is due on the first day of school.



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Comprehension Questions

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**DIRECTIONS:** Use *cursive handwriting* and complete sentences to answer each question.

Chapter 1 - Jesse Oliver Aarons, Jr.

1. How many brothers and sisters did Jesse have? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What was Jesse's goal for the summer? \_\_\_\_\_

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Chapter 2 - Leslie Burke

3. What did Jess like to draw most often? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Who was the only person who liked Jess' drawings? \_\_\_\_\_

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Chapter 3 - The Fastest Kid in the Fifth Grade

5. What was Leslie wearing on the first day of school? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. According to the upper grades, when did Mrs. Myers smile?

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7. What did Jess do in class when it wasn't his turn to pass out books?

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Chapter 4 - Rulers of Terabithia

8. How would Jess and Leslie get to their secret place?

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9. What did Leslie suggest for her and Jess to have all to themselves?

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10. Why did Leslie's parents want to move to the old Perkins' house?

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11. What did Leslie offer to give May Belle?

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12. Why did all the boys at school quit racing?

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Chapter 5 - The Giant Killers

13. What did Jess and Leslie decide to do to Janice to get revenge for May Belle?

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14. How did Jess get the note to Janice?

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15. Why wouldn't Jess fight Janice Avery after she stole May Belle's Twinkies?

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Chapter 6 - The Coming of Prince Terrien

16. What did Jess and his sisters want to buy May Belle for Christmas?

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17. Why did Jess ask Miz Prentice to let him off the bus before his stop?

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Chapter 7 - The Golden Room

18. What did Jess suggest they do about the person crying in the bathroom?

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19. Why did Jess think that his life was like a dandelion?

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20. Why didn't Jess like Leslie's father?

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21. Why couldn't Leslie go to Terabithia on the weekends?

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22. Who did Leslie hear crying in the girls' bathroom?

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Chapter 8 - Easter

23. Why couldn't everyone get new clothes for Easter that year?

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24. Where did Leslie want to go with Jess?

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25. Why did Leslie think the story of Jesus was interesting?

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26. What did Jess think that Ellie and Brenda looked like going to church?

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Chapter 9 - The Evil Spell

27. Why was Jess afraid of crossing the creek while it was raining?

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28. What did Leslie say was the reason for all the rain on their kingdom?

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29. What did Jess and Leslie wear on their feet when they went to their secret place?

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Chapter 10 - The Perfect Day

30. Why did Miss Edmunds call Jess?

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31. What did Jess and Miss Edmunds see at the Smithsonian?

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32. Why did May Belle say that she couldn't sleep?

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Chapter 11 - No!

33. What did Jess do when he found out about Leslie?

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34. How did Leslie die?

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35. Who went out to get Jess?

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36. What job did Jess' father do for him the next morning?

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37. What was one thing that Leslie had never seen in Washington?

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Chapter 12 - Stranded

38. What did Leslie's father ask Jess to do for him?

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39. Who was the first person to introduce herself to the Aarons?

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40. Why was Jess mad that Leslie had been cremated?

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41. Who did Jess hit in the face and why?

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Chapter 13 - Building the Bridge

42. Why did May Belle try to find Jess?

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43. What did Leslie's parents give to Jess?

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44. How did P.T. get across the creek?

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45. Why did Jess want the lumber on the Burkes' back porch?

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46. What did Jess make for Leslie?

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47. Describe the friendship between Jess and Leslie.

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48. Would you like to be friends with Jess and/or Leslie? Why or why not?

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