

Free Choice NZ School Journal Reading Assignment

[FCNZSJ_CAS_01] (Creativity, Analysis, Synthesis)



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Marks: 38**

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EXTENSION AND ENRICHMENT TASKS - Developing a variety of skills and enriching our reading experience

1) Choose a story. Use a Flow Map [[What is this?](#)] of 5 or 6 boxes (no more, no less!) to give a plot summary of your story. [5 marks]

2) Draw a picture which suits this story (it MUST be an original picture). Give your picture colour, a border (a line border is OK) and an appropriate caption. (You can do this task by hand or by using an app or software on a device - just check with your teacher first.) [5 marks]

3) Choose a poem. You must present it to the class in an imaginative way. Your presentation should show a good level of preparation and rehearsal. Your reading should be smooth with good expression (memorising it would be even better). You can think of actions, costumes and/or other props. It's up to you. No, you may NOT do this in a pair or group. Maybe next time! [10 marks]

4) Complete [this cloze sheet \[below\]](#). Glue this cloze sheet into your book and complete it using the most appropriate words you can. [5 marks]

Shetland Ponies

For at least 4000 years these _____ small ponies have roamed the exposed hills and moors of Shetland. This free and safe lifestyle has led to the evolution of a unique and hardy breed of pony.

From the 1840s, Shetland ponies began to be _____ in British coal mines as new laws did not allow the employment of women, girls and, later, boys. Hardy, resilient and very _____ for their size, the ponies made ideal substitutes as they were able to pass through low underground tunnels hauling truckloads of coal.

At first, ponies were simply rounded up and exported from Shetland but, from around 1880 until the end of the 19th _____, there were breeding pony farms in the islands.

At home on the Shetland Islands, Shetland ponies were used as workhorses - cultivating the _____ and transporting peat from hills.

Shetland ponies are uniquely suited to the Shetland Islands, able to graze on the hills and rough heather clad moorland which would prove challenging for many other animals. In some _____, where land and sea meet, the ponies can supplement their diet with nutrients from mineral rich seaweed on _____.

There is plenty of open space to roam freely and ponies can seek natural shelter, if need be, behind hillocks, old stone walls or peat banks.

5) PROOF-READING. Below is the text you must proofread. There are 6 errors.

Use the computer (or similar) to complete this task. You will need to *copy-and-paste* this passage to an editing software (any will do - e.g. Word, Notepad, Google Docs, email, and so on) - and email (or similar) your corrected version to your teacher.

Your teacher will explain your task in more detail. [3 mks]

Dungeons & Dragons is a fantasy role-playing game originally designed by Gary Gygax and Dave Arneson, and first published way back in 1974 by Tactical Studies Rules, Inc. (TSR). The first Dungeons & Dragons game was played back when Gary Gygax and Dave Arneson choose to personalise the massive battles of their fantasy wargames with the exploits of individual heroes. This inspiration became the first fantasy roleplaying game, in which players are characters in an ongoing fantasy story. This new kind of game has become immensely popular over the years, and D&D has grown to include many new ways to vividly experience worlds of heroic fantasy.

6) Read some horoscopes from the newspaper or some magazines. Write your own make-believe horoscope for one "star sign" (not all twelve "star signs"). [5 marks]

7) Choose a story you would like to read aloud. Take this story home and read it to someone at home. You must get the signature of your parent or caregiver to show that you have actually done this activity. Please ask that they sign this sheet right...

HERE: _____ ! [5 marks]