

Sixth Grade Summer Reading
Tuck Everlasting

This summer you will be reading one book, *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt. Winnie Foster feels trapped and dreams of the day she can gain freedom from her family. She thinks of running away, but backs out at the last minute, knowing she has nowhere to go and no one to help her. In a way, her dream is realized when she runs into Jesse Tuck. Read and complete the following assignment to find out what happens to Winnie. Please complete the assignment by the first day of school.

Please fill in the charts below and answer the questions on a separate sheet in cursive, in ink, and in complete sentences.

Active Reading Chapters 1-8

The Tucks have mixed feelings about living forever. Use the chart to note their attitudes about what has happened in their lives since they drank from the spring. In the second column, summarize in a few words their feelings about living forever.

Character	Comments	Feelings
Angus	Wishes things would change	Bored and sad
Mae		
Miles		
Jesse		

Tuck Everlasting Prologue and Chapters 1–8

- 1. Briefly describe the Fosters' house and yard. How do they reflect the Fosters' personality?**

- 2. What secret do the Tucks share with Winnie? Why do they kidnap her? How does Winnie feel about the Tucks?**

Active Reading

Tuck Everlasting Chapters 9–20

Winnie has mixed feelings about her experiences with the Tucks. Each of these feelings is an effect caused by a particular event. Use the chart to record her responses to the events that happen while she is with the Tucks.

The Tucks take Winnie home to meet Angus.	Feels happy to be welcomed
Winnie eats supper with the Tucks.	
On the pond, Angus talks to Winnie about the wheel of life.	
Tuck and Mae talk to Winnie as she falls asleep.	
Jesse suggests that Winnie drink the spring water when she is seventeen.	
Miles takes Winnie fishing on the pond.	
Mae hits the stranger and the constable arrests her.	

Tuck Everlasting Chapters 9–20

1. When Mr. Tuck takes Winnie rowing, what does he talk about? How does he feel about living forever? How does Winnie respond to what he says?
2. What suggestion does Jesse make to Winnie? Does her interest in Jesse surprise you? Explain.

Active Reading Tuck Everlasting Chapters 21–26 and Epilogue

In Chapters 22–24, the author uses descriptions of the weather to emphasize the dramatic events that occur as well as the dramatic inner changes in the main character. Use the chart to note how the weather changes along with the action.

Chapter	Weather	Action
22	hottest day of August so far	Jesse tells Winnie about the plan to free Mae from jail; he gives her a bottle of the springwater and reminds her to join him in the future.
23		
24		

1. In the epilogue, what parts of the description suggest the

passage of time? What has happened to the woods and spring?

2. Why does Tuck say "Good girl" when he sees Winnie's gravestone?