

## Incoming 6th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

1. Read the book *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by author Scott O'Dell. You can either buy the book or go to your local library and borrow it.
2. Choose one of the two projects to show your understanding of the book:

### Choice 1:

Imagine that you are a newspaper reporter assigned to write a human interest story about Karana and her arrival in your town after living a life of isolation on the island. Include information about her past as well as her reactions to modern life in your town. Your article should be at least three paragraphs with 5-7 sentences in each paragraph. Make sure to give your article a catchy title/headline so you capture the reader's attention. If you would like you may type it. Things to consider:

- Why was Karana living in isolation on the island?
- What did Karana have to do in order to survive?
- How did she get off the island?
- What adjustments does she have to make now that she is living in your town?
- What does she find most difficult about modern living?
- What does she enjoy about modern living?

OR

### Choice 2:

If Karana had been literate (able to read and write), she might have kept a diary to record the events in her life. Write 3 imaginary diary entries from Karana's point of view. Choose important events from the story that had an effect on Karana and include how she would probably be feeling. Be

descriptive and creative in your entries. Diary entries should be **at least two paragraphs with 5-7 sentences in each paragraph**. You are writing this from Karana's point of view, so you should be using words like *I*, *me*, or *my*. Some suggestions for important events in Karana's life include:

- The day the Aleut arrived on the island for the first time
  - The day Karana's tribesmen left the island
  - The day her brother was killed
  - The return of the Aleuts and her friendship with Tutok
  - The day Rontu died
3. Be creative when creating your newspaper article or diary. **Make it look realistic.** You can include images, maps and captions in your article. Make a cover for your diary/journal, decorate the border of each entry and draw images at the bottom of each entry. Have fun!
  4. **You must be neat and legible. No cross outs. Watch your spelling, grammar and punctuation.**
  5. Be sure to follow the instructions and Rubric!
  6. **Due: Wednesday, September 4, 2024.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Island of the Blue Dolphins Project Grading Rubric**

<b>____/50</b>	<b>Article/Entries:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Quality of writing</b></li><li>• <b>Depth of knowledge</b></li></ul>
<b>____/20</b>	<b>Spelling, grammar and punctuation</b>
<b>____/20</b>	<b>Creativity and Text Features:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Captions &amp; images</b></li><li>• <b>Cover &amp; entries</b></li><li>• <b>Design &amp; color</b></li></ul>
<b>____/20</b>	<b>Neatness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>No cross outs</b></li><li>• <b>Legible</b></li></ul>