

Summer Reading for Grade 3

(Student must read independently. No audiobooks)

Rising 3rd grade students must read the 3 reading selections described below and complete accompanying assignments:

1. Read *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder OR *Riding the Pony Express* by Clyde Robert Bulla. Then, complete a summer reading form.
2. Read *The Revolutionary Swamp Fox* by Idella Bodie. Then, complete a summer reading form.
3. Bible Reading Assignment: Read 1 Corinthians Ch. 13. Complete one SOAP journal entry based on this scripture passage.

3rd grade Summer Reading Form

Student's Name: _____

Directions: Complete each section below. To receive full credit, you must write/draw neatly and provide detailed answers and/or illustrations. This assignment is due by the first Friday of the first week of school. Points will be deducted for late assignments. Remember to write in complete sentences and in cursive.

Part I (10 points)

Student's Name: _____

Date: _____

Title of Book: _____

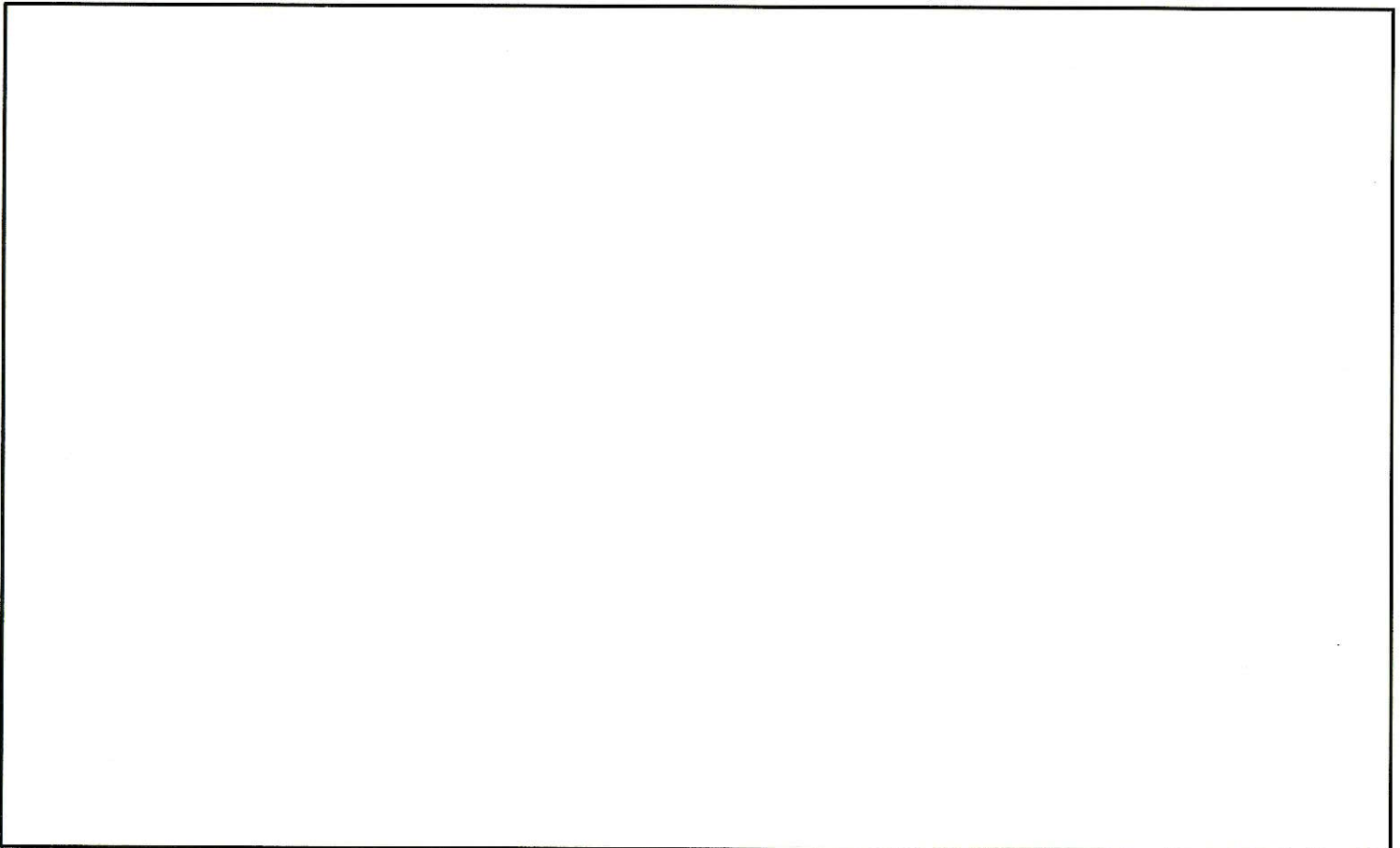
Author: _____

Main Characters: _____

Setting: _____

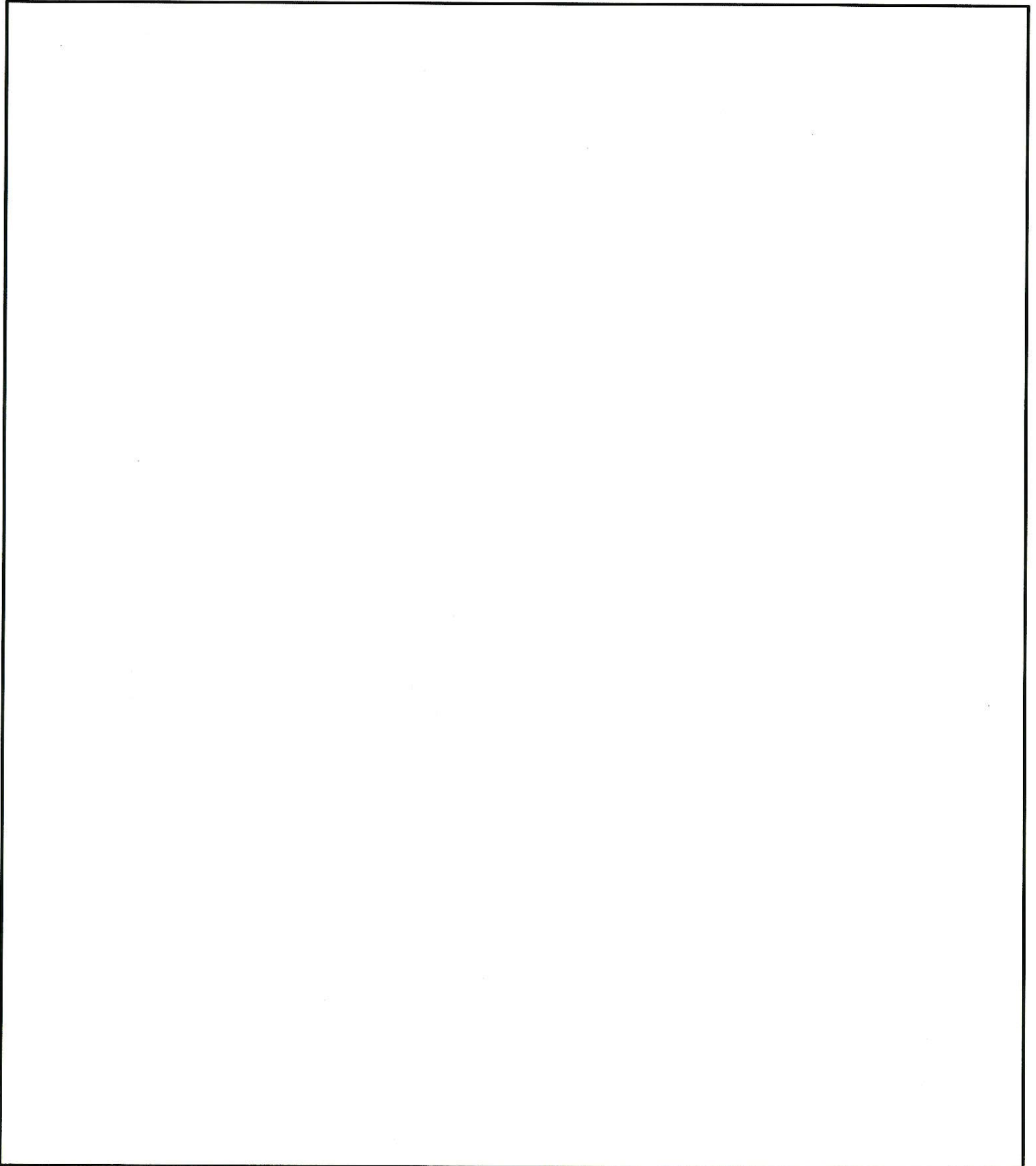
Part II (20 points)

Draw a picture of the main character. Write a sentence describing what he/she is doing in the picture. Use crayons, markers, or colored pencils to add color.



Part III (20 points)

Draw a picture of your favorite scene. Write a sentence describing what is happening in the picture. Use crayons, markers, or colored pencils to add color.



Part IV(20 points per question)

4. What is the problem in this story? How is the problem solved?

5. How does this story or its main characters remind you of something in your own life? Please explain in at least two sentences.

6. Tell about a Biblical connection. Write a Bible verse that relates well to this story.

Submit this form to your teacher during the first week of school.

S.O.A.P. Journal Instructions

God's word is living and applicable to our lives at all ages and stages of life. In order to properly understand and apply God's word to our lives, we must seek to study His and hear what truths He has for us. We can do this by rightly dividing God's word, and spending time meditating on the scriptures that speak to our heart. In order to help our students divide God's word this summer, we would like for them to use the SOAP Bible study method. This method is simple but effective. Students will read their assigned Bible reading, and complete the appropriate amount of SOAP journal entries for their grade level.

SOAP is an acronym for:

- **Scripture**
- **Observation**
- **Application**
- **Prayer**

Step 1 – S is for Scripture

After reading your assigned Bible passage, you will pick a verse that really spoke to your heart, or stuck out to you. You want to keep this simple.

You will write out the verse and reread the verse a few times slowly. Take your time in this step.

An example verse could be Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. – Philippians 4:8

Step 2 – O is for Observation

Observation is about what stood out to you about the scripture you chose, and what is the purpose of that scripture.

Take a few minutes and really ponder the verse. Write down a few truths you feel God is wanting you to learn. They can be warnings, truths, principles, commands, and more.

*You can take this to the next level and use a Bible Dictionary, Bible Commentary or a [Strong's Concordance](#). This is getting more advanced but the extra effort is very rewarding.

Step 3 – A is for Application

The application section is more personal. This is a time where you think about what you observed and ask yourself if you are applying these truths in your life. If you are, list some examples of how. If you aren't, what are some way that you could begin applying them?

Write down practical ways you can apply what you learned and make the Word come alive in your life.

Step 4 – P is for Prayer

Consider the last three steps and talk to God about it! Tell Him how the verse impacted you and how you desire to apply His Word to your life. Ask Him for grace, guidance, wisdom, and strength to help you apply His truths to your life. Write down a prayer that goes along with what you learned from the scripture you chose.

Example:

Dear Father,

Thank you for your truth in your Word. Lord, I ask that you would help me and give me the grace to make you my first in every aspect of my life. That I would be one who seeks hard after your Kingdom and your Righteousness. God help me to trust you. That I don't need to worry about my day or the days to come, but that as I seek You, you will make my path straight. Thank you, Lord, for your love and goodness may it cover me all the days of my life. In the mighty name of Jesus! Amen.

Please print off and use the template below to complete your SOAP Journal Entry(ies).

Name: _____

SOAP Journaling

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Scripture- Verse or verses that stand out to me

Observation- What is the purpose of this scripture? What is God showing me?

Application- How does this apply to my life? What will I do about it?

Prayer- Thank God, and ask Him for guidance and strength to help you apply His truths.
