

**Northside Christian Academy 8th Grade
Summer Reading Project 2019**

Dear NCA 8th grader,

I want you to have a great summer, but I want also want you to keep your reading skills sharp. Please read *Downriver* by Will Hobbs. As you read you will be required to complete discussion questions. Answer all questions in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

I have divided the questions by chapter so that you can pace yourself as you read.

I cannot wait to get to know you in class! If you have any questions during the summer while you are working on this, feel free to email me at danielle.phillips@nortsidecharlotte.com.

**Happy Reading!
Mrs. Phillips
8th grade English Teacher**

Guided Reading Questions: Answer all questions in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

Chapter 1-3

1. In chapters 1-3 of Downriver, Will Hobbs gives us a little background on each of the characters in this novel. Describe each of the following characters only using the information from chapter 1-3 in one or two words.

Characters	Description of Character
Jesse	
Star	
Heather	
Rita	
Troy	
Pug	
Freddie	
Adam	
Ali	

2. Look up these words and write the definition. These words will be important to your reading.

hypothermia	
dehydration	
heat stroke	

Chapters 4-6

3. In chapter 6 the group heads to the Grand Canyon, whom does Jessie feel their lives will depend on? What action shows her fear and hesitation?

4. What is the point of the departure? What happens?

Chapter 7-8

5. Who seems to be the leader in the group? Is he/she a natural leader or self-appointed. Explain your answer in two sentences.

6. A simile is a comparison of two things but uses the words “like or as” to make a comparison. What simile can you find on page 79? Write it here.

7. A metaphor is a comparison of two things. What metaphor can you find on page 66? Write it below. (It does not use like or as.)

Chapters 9-10

8. Look up the following words and write down the definitions. These words will help you understand what is going on in these chapters.

cavorting
crystalline
rouge

9. Why is the climb to the cave important to the story?

Chapters 11-12

10. Why is the guidebook so important? _____

11. What conflicts amongst the characters have arisen since Al appears?

Chapters 13-14

12. Look up the following words and write down the definitions. These words will help you understand what is going on in these chapters.

regalia
tandem
vantage

13. Explain the conflict between Troy and Freddy as the group approaches Crystal. _____

Chapters 15-16

14. Look up the following words and write down the definitions. These words will help you understand what is going on in these chapters.

deluge
vindicated

15. Who is a better leader: Troy, Freddy, or Jessie? Explain your choice in two or three sentences? _____

Chapters 17-18

16. What happens to all the members of the group? _____

17. What specifically happens to Troy? What lesson might this teach readers? _____

18. What lesson can you learn from Jessie? _____
