

St. Hugh Catholic School
Summer Reading Assignment
The Wednesday Wars
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Essay Due Date:
Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Student Name:

Directions: Choose one of the following essay topics and write a well-worded six (6) paragraph essay, using text-evidence, alongside quotes, to support your answer.

1. The novel takes place in the late 1960s during the Vietnam war. How does the setting of the novel affect characters and the decisions they make?
2. Mr. Holling is very concerned about his status in the community and the success of his business. How do Mr. Holling's priorities and choices that he makes affect his relationships?
3. In "The Merchant of Venice," Portia pleads for mercy. How does Holling feel when he reads that speech, and what does he think about the concept of mercy as Portia presents it in her speech? How does he see mercy in his own life?
4. The Christmas holidays seem to be difficult for Mrs. Bigio and Mrs. Baker. How do each of the women react to the holidays, and what does their behavior reveal about grief?











