

Summer Assignment
English 8
Due the first day of school!
More fun than elephants at a waterpark!

Hello almost 8th Graders. This summer you will be reading the novel The House of the Scorpion, by Nancy Farmer. The House of the Scorpion examines a number of different aspects of what it means to be human. By looking through the lens of genetics (a topic currently of some debate), the reader becomes immersed in the story of the main character and how he is treated by those around him. There are a number of important characters that support the protagonist during his adventures. Each person illustrates different types of **character**. **Character** is the consistent moral or ethical behavior and thinking that distinguishes any particular individual. As you are reading, I want you to think about the **character** that each person in the book exemplifies. When you have finished the novel, pick one individual from the book and decide what **character** that individual displays. What is it about the behavior, actions, and words of each individual that displays that character?

You will need to bring the following pieces **typed** to class:

- 1) A sentence that explains which character you have picked and what moral or ethical behavior that character consistently displays.

- 2) A sentence defining the moral or ethical behavior you picked. For example, what does it mean to be loyal?

- 3) You will need three (3) quotes (no more than a sentence long) from the book to support your point. The quotes can be from narration or they can be words characters use.

- 4) A brief description from you describing as clearly as possible how your quotes reflect the moral or ethical behavior you decided on.

- 5) Double Space, Type (Times New Roman)

- 6) Usual CWA heading, your name, teacher's name (Rob Scotlan), English 8, date (upper left)

If you have any questions, you can contact me at rscotlan@charleswright.org.