



# Core A Summer Reading Activity

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This summer, you will be reading *Outcast* by Rosemary Sutcliff. Your summer reading assignment will be due the first day of class. Please type this assignment as we will be using a computer extensively and this will be good practice.

**Your Summer Assignment consists of 2 parts:**

- 1. Answer the following questions using complete sentences. Put the page number that you found your answer on at the end of your answer.** For example: The amount of time that has elapsed between Chapters 1 & 2 is 12 years. (pg. 15) These questions are designed to help further your understanding as you read.
- 2. Many people and events shaped Beric into the character he was at the book's end. For the 2nd part of your assignment, choose a person or event that changed your life or helped shape you into who you are today. Then, write approximately one page describing this event or person and how they changed your life.**

**Parent Tips:**

- Don't assume your student knows how to manage their time and workload at this point! There are 18 chapters in *Outcast* and also a paper to write in this summer assignment. It will also take them longer than they think, so please don't start this too late in the summer. Help them divide up the work and put the plan on a calendar. One example of how to manageably divide this assignment up is each week, read three chapters and answer the questions. That will take six weeks. On the seventh week, your student can write the one page paper.
- Have your student complete one chapter at a time. They should first read over the Chapter 1 questions, then, read the chapter, and finally, complete the Chapter 1 questions. Then, move on the Chapter 2.
- Please do not do their work for them or help them too much. The tutors realize they are entering 7th grade and they know what kind of work to expect. It is very important to allow your student to grow in the process of reading and writing, therefore, they must do their own work all year.
- Instead of giving them the answers, be their encourager! Let them know they can do hard things! Stretching their brains is a good thing and they will feel so accomplished once they've finished.

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## Chapter 1

1. Describe the setting at the beginning of the book. What does it look like? Who are the characters involved?
2. What is happening at the beginning of the story?
3. We get an introduction to Cunori's religious beliefs. Briefly describe what you believe them to be. Do they line up with your beliefs as a Christian? Explain why or why not.

## Chapter 2

1. How much time has elapsed between Chapters 1 and 2?
2. The beginning of the chapter details a coming of age rite for the boys of the clan. What was the reason for doing this? Do we still have these in today's society?
3. The clan has to decide if Beric can become one of the Spear Brotherhood of the Clan. They do not feel he is one of them. Why do you think the clan reacted this way? How do you think this must make Beric feel?
4. How do Beric and Cathlan end up being hunting partners?

## Chapter 3

1. What "seeds of mischief" had Merddyn the Druid sown into the minds of the clan so many years ago? After a lean harvest and fever, how does the clan start to view Beric? Is this a fair view of him?
2. Do you think the clan was right to have Beric leave? Explain your answer fully.
3. Where is Beric headed?

## Chapter 4

1. The beginning of this chapter is a contrast to the clan life that Beric used to live. Write a brief description explaining the differences.
2. Beric does not seem ready for town life. Write some examples that prove this statement to be true.
3. Beric meets someone that he thinks to be an honest person in Aristobulo. What does this man end up being? What happens to Beric because he trusts him?

## Chapter 5

1. At the beginning of this chapter, where does Beric find himself?
2. Who ends up buying Beric?

## Chapter 6

1. How does Beric first describe Lady Lucilla?
2. What causes his view of her to change? How does he view her now?
3. What does Glaucus ask Beric to do? How does he respond to Beric's answer?

## Chapter 7

1. Lady Lucilla and her brother are very different. Explain these differences using specific examples from the text.
2. Beric has a glimmer of hope after speaking with Lady Lucilla, why?
3. Whose slave does Beric become?
4. What does Beric ask Lady Lucilla to do? What do we learn about his character through this?

## Chapter 8

1. When Beric's name is changed he becomes upset. Explain why.
2. Chapter 8 states, "He was Hyacinthus, Glaucus's slave, and without hope." What does the Bible teach us to do when we find ourselves in a difficult situation without hope?
3. What happens that causes Beric to snap? What are the consequences for his actions?

## Chapter 9

1. What plan does Beric devise?
2. Why does he stop by Lucilla's house?
3. Did you think Beric would make it to freedom? Explain your answer.

## Chapter 10

1. How does the narrator describe the woman at the farm in the hills?
2. What did Beric awake to in the farm house?
3. What was the verdict of Beric's trial, and what was he charged with?

## Chapter 11

1. Where does Beric find himself in this chapter?
2. Describe Jason.

## Chapter 12

1. What is the setting of this chapter?
2. Why are the men on the deck in such a poor state of health?

## Chapter 13

1. Explain Jason's dream in the beginning of the chapter. What was it about? What happened in the dream?
2. What happened to Jason in this Chapter? To Beric?

## Chapter 14

1. What turning point has occurred in this chapter? How have things changed?
2. How is the way Beric is treated by Justinus different than the way he was treated by others?

## Chapter 15

1. What do we know about the commander at this point?
2. What did you predict would happen between the commander and Beric?
3. Who do Justinus, Servius and Cordaella think/hope that Beric is?

## Chapter 16

1. What new friend did Beric make in this chapter?
2. What happened in Justinus' past that made him so fond of Beric at first?

## Chapter 17

1. What important document did Justinus read to Beric from Senator Paulus, and what did it say?
2. Who did Beric run into from his past?

## Chapter 18

1. Write three or four sentences that describe what happened in the final chapter of Outcast.
2. Create a time line of the important events in the book. These are the events that shaped Beric's life, the ones that greatly affected his journey.