

8th grade Honors ELA summer reading assignment  
"The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle"

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **You may attach extra paper if needed.**

Read "Introducing the Novel" and "Meet Avi" and respond to the following questions.

1. Describe the author using information about his childhood, life before writing, professional awards, and something interesting or unique.
2. After reading the introduction to the novel, make a prediction: What is the central conflict of the novel?

Read chapters 1-8 and respond to the following questions:

1. Why is Charlotte so uneasy about being on the ship? What do her reactions to the ship and its crew reveal about her character?
2. According to Zachariah, why does Charlotte need a knife?
3. What disturbing information does Zachariah give Charlotte about Captain Jaggery and the crew? Does she believe him?
4. What is your opinion of Captain Jaggery so far? Explain.

Read chapters 9-15 and respond to the following questions:





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16. What is a theme in the novel? Explain the theme and use examples from the text to that illustrate the theme.

17. Were you surprised by the outcome of the novel? Explain.