

## 4<sup>th</sup> grade STA Reading

Hi to all of my 4<sup>th</sup> grade students! I miss you and I pray for you! Remember to keep reading every day!

We will begin reading the final book of the year, The Shakespeare Stealer, by Gary Blackwood. You can access a copy of the book online here...

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZDEwMy5vcmd8cm5lbHNvbXxneDoxZTEzM2ViNzExYmNlMjkz>

The Shakespeare Stealer takes place in England in 1587, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth. In this time period, master tradesmen taught apprentices their craft (ie. brick laying, house building, acting, sewing...) While under the master's instruction, the apprentice was required to do all that the master asked.

While reading the novel, let's focus on character development of the main character, Widge.

**Homework:** Please email your completed homework sheet (see below) to me at [mmyler@gtacs.org](mailto:mmyler@gtacs.org) before Monday, April 13. Happy reading!!

**Monday, April 6:** Read chapter 1 and answer the chapter one questions in cursive handwriting.

**Tuesday, April 7:** Read chapter 2 and answer chapter two questions in cursive handwriting.

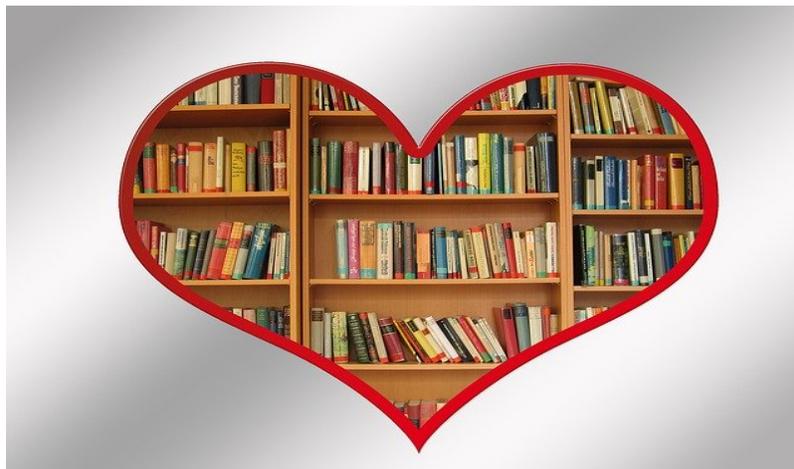
**Wednesday, April 8:** Read chapter 3 and answer chapter three questions in cursive handwriting.

**Thursday, April 9:** Read chapters 4 and 5 and answer the questions in cursive handwriting.

Please email me if you have questions: [mmyler@gtacs.org](mailto:mmyler@gtacs.org)

Do good and be well!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Myler



**The Shakespeare Stealer** by Gary Blackwood

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(email to [mmyler@gtacs.org](mailto:mmyler@gtacs.org) by 4/13/20)

Chapter One:

1. Tell about Widge and his life up to this point. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What does Widge think about right and wrong? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What is character? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chapter Two:

4. What does Widge mean when he says “the grand climateric struck again”? (pg 9) \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Why did Widge feel fortunate with so few possessions to his name? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chapter Three:

6. Use a dictionary to define the words *unsavory brigand*. “Those trees...concealed every **unsavory brigand** and every ravenous beast of prey” (pg.18). Rewrite the sentence in your own words.  
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7. Find a simile on page 19. What two things are being compared? How are they similar?  
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8. Explain the pun “If this is a toll road, you might simply have tolled me.” What are the two meanings implied by the word *tolled*? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chapter 4/5

9. Translate Widge’s words into standard English.
  - Aye- \_\_\_\_\_
  - Will ‘a be cross *wi*’ me, do you *wis*? \_\_\_\_\_
  - I did not *ken* ‘a would go *wi*’ me. \_\_\_\_\_
10. What does Simon Bass want Widge to do? \_\_\_\_\_  
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