The False Prince
6th Grade Summer Reading Assignment 2023

As you read *The False Prince*, keep in mind the following themes:

Deception
Strategy
Physical Strength
Honor
Sacrifice
Identity

Hi-light (in any color other than yellow) passages and events that correspond to the themes, labeling them in the margin with a brief explanation of *why* the passage corresponds to the theme. I will be looking for 3-5 examples of *each* theme. For example:

"In the end, only one of you can be chosen. I need the boy who proves himself to be in the closest fit with my plan. And my plan is very demanding and very specific."

Tobias raised his hand. A sign that he'd been educated. At the orphanage I came from, a person only raised a hand if he was about to hit someone with it. "Sir, what is your plan?"

"Excellent question, Tobias, but it's also a very secret plan. So what I'd like to do first is offer any of you the chance to leave now. You may leave with no feelings of regret or cowardice. I've been very up-front about both the danger and the rewards. If you don't feel that this is for you, then this is your opportunity to leave."

Roden looked at me. I arched my eyebrows in response. He wanted me to leave, that was clear. And I would have stood right then, except for a nagging voice in my head that told me something was wrong. So I kept still. (page 21)

This could be identity because it shows how Sage sees himself differently from the other boys.

This is strategy because Sage is choosing to lay low until he learns more about the challenge.

Vocabulary:

As you read, be on the lookout for the following vocabulary words. Hi-light (in yellow) the sentence in which the word appears, circle the word, and write a short definition or provide a synonym in the margin.

Chapters 1-10	Chapters 11- 20	Chapters 21-30	Chapters 31-40	Chapters 41-54
Girth Jostling Desolate Speculation Exoneration Fraud Treason Tapestry Haughty Cesspool	Mercenary Incorrigible Incensed Respite Goaded Tangible Futile Vengeance Notorious Surrogate	Defy Influence Charade Scrutiny Weevils Tedious Secluded Inferior Deterrent Scoffed	Lackluster Pious Pursuit Entourage Tyrant Alm Impending Insufferable Whims scourge	Complacent Malicious Decorum Regimen Pretense Moored Inadvertent Factions Vying Posthumously