

NORTH STAR 3e Level 4

Name _____

Video Activity Worksheet

Unit 7: Education

Homework Holiday

Comprehension

Predict

In this video, you will learn about summer homework assignments. Before you watch the video, answer the following question.

What do you think “summer homework” could be if there is no school in the summer?

Focus

Watch the video. Answer the following question.

Why do kids get homework in the summer?

Comprehension A

Choose True or False. Circle T or F.

1. Some people think kids should be kids in the summer and not do any work.
2. Summer homework assignments help kids skip the next grade at school.
3. Summer homework is a way to reinforce what kids learned during the school year.
4. Suing your teacher is a good way not to have to do summer homework.

Comprehension B

Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence. Circle a, b, or c.

1. Homework “hanging over their head” means _____.
 - a. parents have hung homework assignments in the child’s room
 - b. the assignment has to be done and the child has to make time for it
 - c. the homework is too difficult
2. Saying that students may “backslide” in the summer means _____.
 - a. students spend a lot of time sitting around in the summer
 - b. students get older so their skills get better
 - c. students lose their skills from lack of use
3. When educators say summer homework is “burning kids out,” they mean _____.
 - a. summer science projects are dangerous and many kids have gotten burned
 - b. kids are getting tired and are not excited about learning
 - c. kids are excited and looking forward to even more projects as they get older

Speaking

Choose one of the topics. Record and submit a one-to two-minute response.

- How much homework do you think is fair for children in the summer?
- Do you think summer homework should be different from the homework students do during the year? If so, how? If not, why not?

Writing

Write about the issue of summer homework. Do you think it is a good or bad idea? How do you think you would have felt as a child?

