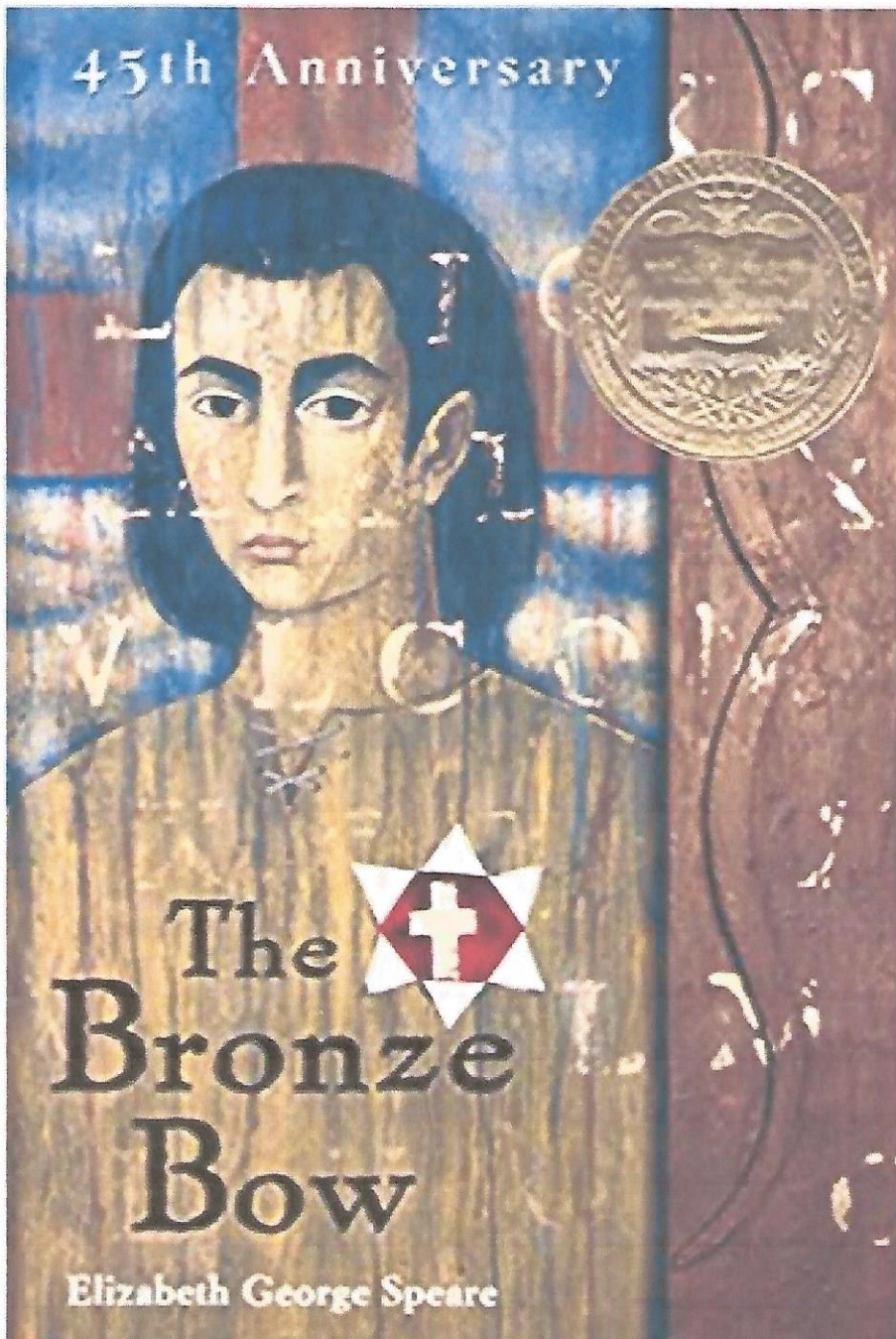


Seventh Grade Summer Reading

Dear Parents & Students,

Seventh graders will be expected to read *The Bronze Bow* over the summer vacation. The enclosed packet will assist the student in understanding the story. There are questions to be answered at the end of each chapter. The packet will be collected the first week of school. Students will then engage in activities pertaining to the novel in reading class. The book may be found in the library or online. This is a truly memorable read!





The Bronze Bow

By Elizabeth George Speare

About This Book

Eighteen year old Daniel was a blacksmith's apprentice until he ran away to join a gang of bandits who hate the Romans and want to overthrow them. He is consumed by hatred and the desire for revenge until he meets someone who shows him that hate is the real enemy and the only thing stronger than hate is love.

About the Author

Elizabeth George Speare was born in 1908 and passed away in 1994. She lived in New England much of her life with her husband and two children (Alden J. and Mary).

She found her talent for writing at the age of eight, but did not write her first published novel until her children were in Junior High.

She is known as a talented, well-respected American author of children's literature, and has won many awards for her books including two Newberry Medals, the Scott O'Dell Award, the Christopher Award, and the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award.

Elizabeth's books include:

Calico Captive
Life in Colonial America
The Prospering
The Sign of the Beaver
The Witch of Blackbird Pond



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Vocabulary Words		
Word	Chapter	Definition*
Burgeoning	1	growing quickly
Taut	2	tight or stretched
Affably	3	in a friendly, good natured way
Furtively	4	secretly, avoiding attention
Derision	5	mockery, disrespect
Pungent	6	having a strong taste or smell
Mounting	7	increasing in amount or intensity
Vast	8	huge, enormous
Bungle	9	mess up, spoil, ruin
Goaded	10	poking with words or actions to move someone or something
Piqued	11	excited or activated
Elation	12	a feeling of great joy or pride
Intricacy	13	complicated parts
Disconcerted	14	disturbed, bothered, confused
Eluded	15	avoided or escaped
Consignment	16	an amount of something to sell
Leered	17	looked sideways, looked secretively or slyly
Tumult	18	violent and noisy commotion
Oblique	19	slanting or sloping, not straight up and down or sideways
Jibes	20	teasing
Ascend	21	to go upward
Frivolous	22	not having seriousness or value
Dismal	23	gloomy, depressing
Duped	24	fooled or tricked

*Definitions given for the use of each word within the context of the story.
More definitions possible for each word.

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Chapter 1

How is Daniel described? _____

Who does Daniel meet on the mountain? _____

What did all three of them imagine since they were children? _____

Who is Rosh? How does Daniel feel about him? _____

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Chapter 2

Why did they raid the caravan? _____

What did Joel do when the caravan came? _____

Describe the conversation between Joel and Rosh: _____

What did Daniel do for the slave? What did the slave do? _____

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Chapter 3

Who is Amalek? What happened to him? _____

Where does Simon take Daniel? Why? _____

Describe Daniel's home and family: _____

How does Daniel feel about being there? _____

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Chapter 4

Why did Simon come to see him the next morning? _____

Describe what happened when the man spoke? _____

What happened as Daniel was walking home? _____

Why did Daniel leave? When would he come back? _____

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Chapter 5

Where did Daniel decide to go? Why? _____

Who did Daniel hear speaking to a crowd on the way? _____

Describe Joel's home and family: _____

What made Daniel so upset at dinner? _____

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Chapter 6

What did Daniel do that got him into trouble? _____

Who is chasing Daniel? What might they do if they find him? _____

Who helped him? How? _____

What are Joel's sister and father afraid of? Why? _____

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Chapter 7

What happened to Daniel's parents? _____

What happened to Daniel's sister? _____

What vow did they make? Who made the vow? _____

What would the sign be that Daniel had come? _____

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Chapter 8

Why did Daniel go to Capernaum? _____

Who comes with Daniel on his journey? _____

Who do they meet on the way? What happens to them? _____

Why is Joel troubled? _____

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Chapter 9

What job did Rosh give Daniel? _____

Describe how the job went: _____

What did Rosh say about Daniel? _____

What seems wrong with Rosh's argument? _____

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Chapter 10

What news does Daniel get? _____

Describe what Daniel does when he gets home:

First, _____

Next, _____

Then, _____

What does Daniel recite for his grandmother? What happens as he talks? _____

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Chapter 11

Who came to the funeral for Daniel's grandmother? What did he offer? _____

What did Daniel have to promise? _____

What did Daniel discover about Leah? _____

Who came to the shop and saw Leah? How did Daniel feel about this person? _____

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Chapter 12

Who came to the shop with a black eye? Why was he upset? _____

How did Daniel win his first recruit? _____

Why is Daniel excited to see Rosh again? _____

Why do they stop meeting at the blacksmith shop? _____

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Chapter 13

What did Daniel give Leah after he sold her weaving? What did she do with it? _____

What did Joel tell Daniel about the carpenter? _____

Where did they find Malthace (Thacia) when they got back to the shop? _____

What did Daniel do for Leah? Why? _____

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Chapter 14

What does Leah ask him about? _____

What does she say that makes him upset? _____

What does Samson do? Why? _____

How does Rosh feel about Samson? Why? _____

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Chapter 15

What does Daniel start doing each morning? _____

What story does Leah ask for over and over? _____

Why does Daniel think Leah is changing? _____

What does Daniel make in the blacksmith shop? _____

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Chapter 16

What does Rosh ask Joel to do? _____

What plan do they come up with? _____

Who do they meet on the way? What does Thacia do? _____

What strange question did Jesus ask the lame man? _____

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Chapter 17

What had Rosh done with the names of the men at the banquet? _____

How did Joel feel about Rosh's actions? _____

How does Daniel feel about Rosh's actions? _____

How do the people in the town feel about Rosh? _____

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Chapter 18

What news does Thacia bring Daniel? _____

What changes Daniel's mind about Rosh? _____

Who will be their leader now? _____

What is their plan? _____

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Chapter 19

What feeling is making Daniel uneasy? _____

What do the Romans do when the boys attack? _____

What happens that they did not expect? _____

Is anyone killed, injured or captured? Who? _____

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Chapter 20

What words is Daniel thinking about over and over? _____

What does Joel want to do? What does Daniel want Joel to do? _____

What message did Thacia give Daniel? _____

What does Joel say about Jesus? _____

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Chapter 21

Who is there talking to Jesus when Daniel arrives? Why? _____

What does Jesus say is the real enemy? _____

What does Jesus ask Daniel to do for him? _____

What was Daniel's vow? What does Jesus say about it? _____

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Chapter 22

What did Daniel say that made Thacia happy? Sad? _____

What did Leah have to surprise him? Who was it from? _____

What did Daniel say and do when he found out who it was from? _____

How did his words and actions affect Leah? _____

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Chapter 23

What hope does Daniel have for Leah? _____

What did Jesus do for the people? _____

Who is everyone in the crowd saying Jesus is? _____

What does Simon say about Jesus leading them against Rome? _____

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Chapter 24

Who did Daniel send a message to? What did it say? _____

Who wanted to see Leah? Why? _____

What happened to Leah? _____

What thought lifted the weight from Daniel and brought peace? _____
