

YGW Girls' Division
Summer Reading Assignments

Seventh Grade

Echo, Pam Munoz Ryan

Tell us what you think of the novel. Write a thoughtful response to TWO of the questions below. Bring this and a copy of the book to school on the first day of class.

1. How do you understand the midwife's prophecy in the tale: "Your fate is not yet sealed. Even in the darkest night, a star will shine, a bell will chime, a path will be revealed." How does this prophecy apply to the lives of Otto, Friedrich, Mike, and Ivy?
2. Compare the lives of Friedrich, Mike, and Ivy. How are their challenges similar and how are they different? How do each of these characters show courage and determination? How does the harmonica play a role in each of their journeys?
3. Listen to recordings of the pieces of music that introduce each part of this story. How do the songs feature in the lives of each main character? Discuss the importance of music in their lives.
4. Which of the three stories did you connect with the most, and why?
5. Create your own question!