

# Fourth Grade Summer Reading Assignment

## The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

Directions:

- After reading the award winning book The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, complete any three of the assignments below.

- Please bring your book and all of your assignments on the first day of school. Be prepared to share two of your creations with classmates in small groups, and present the remaining project to the whole class for all to enjoy.

Your presentation to the class should take no more than 3 minutes and can be shorter. Be sure to come to class well prepared

Enjoy Edward's miraculous journey!

Complete 3 of the following activities. Your parents may offer suggestions and may help with editing your writing. However, the actual work must be done by **YOU**. You may use technology if you want—type your essays, make a powerpoint, create a video—whatever fits the activity you choose.

This project must be neat, with little to no spelling or grammar errors; including capitalization.

### **Project Questions:**

1. Edward is repeatedly lost by those who love him. Have you ever lost something you treasured? How did you deal with it? Write an essay (**3-5 paragraphs with 5-7 sentences in each with proper indentation and punctuation**) about what happened to it, and to you as a consequence, and draw a picture of it.

2. Design a new cover for the book. Be sure to include the title, author's name, and the name of the illustrator—YOU!

3. How do you think Lawrence and Nellie found out that Edward is gone, and how might they have reacted? Write a new chapter describing what you think might have happened between Lolly and her parents after Edward disappeared.

4. Think about some of the events and experiences that have shaped your life or changed you. Write about one of these events and how it shaped or affected you.

5. Throughout his journey, Edward met many friends that became family to him. But sadly, they were taken away from him. However, there was always one thing that never vanished from his life...the beautiful stars in the sky. On a clear night, go outside and view the same stars that brought Edward comfort and hope. You will want to first reference a summer star chart of the northern and western hemispheres, then try to locate several constellations. Or try a great app for your tablet or phone, available free at the App Store. It's called Skyview and it's pretty cool-- check it out! Sketch or make a model of at least 3 constellations you identified. (Feel free to be creative!) Research to provide several facts and details about each constellation.

6. Bryce brought Edward to Memphis and played the harmonica on the streets as he made Edward dance. Have you ever watched any of the street performers at Mallory Square? If you could perform something on the streets for some extra money, what might you do? Practice, practice, practice and come to school prepared to perform for your classmates! You may actually do this by yourself, or you may get together with someone in our class and complete this assignment together.