



## Spring Vacation Homework

いよいよ新学期が始まりました。中学部の春休みの英語課題図書は、「秘密の花園」「ジェーン・エア」でした。いずれも100年以上前に出版された名作ですが、最近の子供達が、自らすすんで手に取る機会は、少なくなってきたかもしれません。しかしこういった作品は、TIMEの「いつの時代でもベストセラー100選」に選ばれていたり、全国模試の読解問題文に選ばれていたり、その価値は衰えることはありません。昨年、駿台模試に「オリバー・ツイスト」の読解問題が出ましたが、「英語というより時代背景が分からなくて困った。」と言う子供達がいました。日頃から、簡単な本でいいので、1冊でも多く英語の本を読むことを推奨していますが、このような名作を長期休みにじっくり読むことも、非常に大切だと思います。

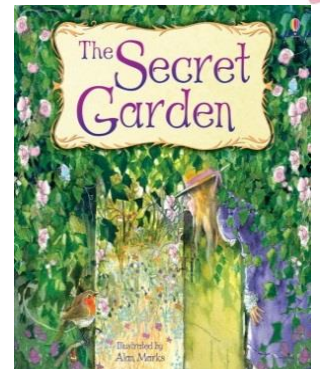
時代背景の理解に苦しみながらも、中学生が一生懸命読み上げて書いた感想を、いくつか抜粋して掲載します。



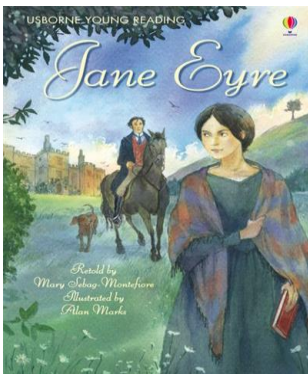
### ～秘密の花園(The Secret Garden)の感想

The scene a child who did not like anybody started doing something in cooperation with others was amazing. by Haruto

I was interested in Mary's observation ability because she found the entrance of the secret garden. by Kanon



### ～ジェーン・エア(Jane Eyre)の感想～



I think believing people easily is not always good, but not believing people can be even worse. by Hana

Mr. Rochester said to Jane, "It is you I want to marry". I want someone to tell me such a thing. I think it's a girl's ideal proposal! by Kotone

The quote "My heart is yours." is romantic because I've never heard that expression in Japanese before. by Tamaki

Probably Jane Eyre had a stronger character than mine. My heart is like an egg. It's very delicate. I want a strong heart like Jane's. /

This story is very interesting and profound. So I'd like many people to read this. When I was reading this story, I was very excited. Not only that, I memorized a lot of words. I am very glad and I want to read this book again. by Tadaoki

I learned from this story that the element which makes people's happiness is not their surrounding or environment, but it is your own thoughts. by Chiyori



中にはこんな意見も、

Why did Mr. Rochester hate his first wife? In the story, there is a little explanation, but I still can't understand. Whatever the reason is, no man should throw away a woman like this.

by Ryutaro

彼らしい、男気溢れる感想ですね。次回、原文で読んでみたら、もう少し納得してくれるでしょうか、、、？