

**APES**  
**SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT 2015**

**Ishmael** by Daniel Quinn pub. Bantan/Turner Books

**WELCOME TO APES!**

Read the book Ishmael. This should give you some idea why studying Environmental Science is important.

Complete the attached study guide. You are to submit it to Turn It In.com by 7:30AM September 8. The password is ourearth and the class code is10100425. You will be assessed a 2 letter grade penalty for everyday it is late up to two days. There will be a test on Wednesday September 10. From past experience if you choose not to read the book your grade in the first marking period will be greatly affected. If you lose the packet the questions will be on the school website.

Any problems or questions my e-mail address is apasquarello @ bhprsd.org

Have a great summer with Ishmael. Hopefully you will become friends.

## APES Ishmael Study Guide

### Part 1

1. What was the writer looking for when he answered the ad.
2. Research the significance of the name Ishmael and discuss why Sokolow renamed Goliath, Ishmael.
3. In chapter 6, Ishmael states, “You’re captives of a civilization system that more or less compels you to go on destroying the world in order to live”. What does he mean?
4. According to Ishmael in chapter 6, why can’t we escape from captivity?

### Part 2

5. Who is Mother culture?
6. What is the purpose of the journey Ishmael will take the writer on?

### Part 3

7. According to Ishmael, why is our vision of creation and evolution a myth and why doesn’t our culture recognize this?

### Part 4

8. According to the Takers, what is man’s destiny?
9. According to Ishmael, what is the price of enacting this destiny?

### Part 5

10. Why, under human rule, has the earth not become a paradise?

### Part 6

11. Where should we look for the information on how we ought to live and what will happen if we don’t find it?

### Part 7&8

12. What four things do Takers do that are not done by any other species in the community of life?
13. What law does every species on earth follow except the Takers, and what is the result of this for humankind?

### Part 9

14. Distinguish between the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.
15. As the Takers expanded the agricultural revolution what happened to the Leavers?

### Parts 10&11

16. How does the ‘cultural revolution’ of the Takers and Leavers differ and what does Mother culture say about each?

### Part 12

17. What happens to people who live in the hands of the gods that will not happen to those who live in the knowledge of good and evil?
18. What will eventually happen to the takers?
19. What does belonging to the world mean?
20. According to Ishmael, what is the only way we will change our behavior?

