

6th - 8th Summer Reading Assignment

- ✚ Objective: The student will analyze a novel read independently over the summer.
- ✚ Choose any Caldecott or Newbery Award winning novel on your reading level that you have not previously read. You may check it out from the school library or a local public library.

- You must avoid the novels listed below which will be taught at school.

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| <i>The Giver</i> | <i>Hatchet</i> | <i>The Hobbit</i> | <i>Trumpet of the Swam</i> |
| <i>Call of the Wild</i> | <i>Treasure Island</i> | <i>Diary of Anne Frank</i> | <i>Maniac Magee</i> |
| <i>Animal Farm</i> | <i>Solier's Heart</i> | <i>Holes</i> | <i>Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i> |
| <i>Single Shard</i> | <i>Wanderer</i> | <i>Iqbal</i> | <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> |
| <i>Wrinkle in Time</i> | <i>Tuck Everlasting</i> | <i>White Fang</i> | <i>Island of the Blue Dolphin</i> |
| <i>Secret Garden</i> | <i>Julius Caesar</i> | <i>Year of the Black Pony</i> | |

- ✚ As you are reading the novel, bookmark ten passages (with sticky notes) that stood out to you as you read them. Copy/type each passage (up to four lines) or paraphrase the incident (in one paragraph of 3 complete sentences).

- ✚ Below each copied/typed passage, write a one paragraph reflection (at least **three** complete sentences) including why you choose the passage. The following questions may help stimulate your thinking for these reflections. (You are not required to use these prompts, however.)

- Does this passage remind you of something you have gone through?
- What is it about this writing style or description that you like (or dislike)?
- How does this remind you of some other book you have read?
- Does this relate to some real life incident you have heard about? If so, share this information.
- What about this makes you laugh/cry/get angry, etc.?

- ✚ **Do not use study guides** (Cliff Notes, Spark Notes, etc.) to complete this assignment.

- ✚ Complete these passage reflections in either neatly hand-written form or typed form and turn this assignment in to your literature teacher by the first Friday of class, August 13.

- ✚ Total points=100 (test score)

Again, you may choose any CALDECOTT or NEWBERY Award winning novel on your reading level that you have not previously read!

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**Example:** (Quote each passage word-for-word from your book using quotation marks; then write a one paragraph reflection.)

1. “Haulbowline Head and Mizzenmast Hill were at my elbow; the hill bare and dark, the head bound with cliffs forty or fifty feet high, and fringed with great masses of fallen rock. I was scarce a quarter of a mile to seaward, and it was my first thought to paddle in and land” (Stevenson, 121).

This quote reminds me of my first time sailing in Seattle. We were on my friend’s sailboat and were sailing around the Olympic Mountains. The weather was nasty and there were cliffs and rocks all around. The land looked especially far away even though we weren’t that far out. It was a great experience.