



**NORTHSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Pre-AP Summer Reading Assignment for Rising 8th Graders**

**Directions:** According to Roanoke County policy, students taking pre-AP English classes are required to read two books during the summer. Northside Middle students will choose an option for each novel from the following list to be completed and evaluated the first week of the 2011-2012 year.

**REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS:**

*Fahrenheit 451*- Bradbury

This book is available online for free. Go to this website:

<http://cetl.edtech.csulb.edu/f451/book.html>

**STUDENTS MUST ALSO CHOOSE ONE BOOK FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST:**

*The Glory Field*- Walter Dean Myers

*Homeless Bird*- Gloria Walsh

*Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*- Gary Schmidt

*Milkweed*- Jerry Spinelli

*Frankenstein*- Shelley

This book is available online for free. Go to this website:

<http://www.gutenberg.org/etext/84>

*The Book Thief*- Markus Zusak

**PROJECT OPTIONS:**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\***

**Students must choose a different project option for each book read. All text must be neatly typed.**

**1. Compile a scrapbook.** Choose one of the main characters in your book, and as that person, put together a scrapbook of special memories and mementos. Each visual must have a short explanation.

**2. Write an editorial on some controversial issue raised in the novel.** Model an editorial letter from the newspaper. State your opinion and make references to the novel. This should be one typewritten page.

**3. Interview:** Make up an interview with one of the main characters from the story. The interview must be written in dialogue form and should be one typewritten page.

**4. Make a new book jacket.** Use construction paper, and include an attractive picture or cover design, an original summary of the book, information on the author and illustrator (if there is one), and information about other books written by the same author.

## **RUBRICS FOR GRADING SUMMER READING**

### **Scrapbook**

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|---|-----------|
| A. Cover with title and author noted  | 25 points |
| B. 8 pages with memories and mementos   | 25 points |
| C. Each visual has a short description which retells its relevance to the novel | 25 points |
| D. Correct spelling, grammar, and mechanics                                     | 25 points |

**100 points**

### **Editorial**

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| A. The controversial issue is clearly | 20 points |
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stated

- B. Your opinion on the issue is clear 20 points
- C. Opinion is supported with details from the novel 20 points
- D. 1 page, typed 20 points
- E. Correct spelling, grammar, and mechanics 20 points

**100 points**

### **Interview**

- A. Written in dialogue format 25 points
- B. Interview conveys story elements of character, setting, problem, and resolution 25 points
- C. 1 page, typed 25 points
- D. Correct spelling, grammar, and mechanics 25 points

**100 points**

### **Book Jacket**

- A. Colored cover design 20 points
- B. Summary of the book 20 points
- C. Information on author and illustrator (if there is one) 20 points
- D. Information about other books from the same author 20 points

E. Correct spelling, grammar, and mechanics

20 points

**100 points**