



NORTHSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Pre-AP Summer Reading Assignment for Rising 7th 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 2009-2010 year.

CHOOSE TWO BOOKS FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST:

The City of Ember- Jeanne DuPrau

The Coffin Quilt- Rinaldi

Eragon- Christopher Paolini

Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen- Dyan Sheldon

Surviving the Applewhites- Stephanie Tolan

The Pigman- Paul Zindel

They Never Came Home- Lois Lowry

Crazy Fish- Norma Fox Mazer

Tender- Valerie Hobbs

Code Orange- Caroline Cooney

Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes- Chris Crutcher

Who Killed Mr. Chippendale? A Mystery in Poems- Mel Glenn

Tex- S. E. Hinton

Crossing the Wire- Will Hobbs

Toning the Sweep- Angela Johnson

Shade's Children- Garth Nix
Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life- Wendy Mass

PROJECT OPTIONS:

- 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

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