

## Summer Reading Assignment – 7<sup>th</sup>

CLAS believes that reading is fundamental to the intellectual development of our Scribes. During the regular school year, each Scribe is expected to read at least 20 minutes each night independently. In addition, the English curriculum is supplemented with required summer reading. All Scribes must have both assignments completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school.

### 7th Grade Class – 08/09

Choose ONE of the following books. Read it and complete the assignment below.

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Holes by Louis Sachar

### Journal

#### Directions:

Write 8-10 journals from the main characters point of view.

- Be typed or handwritten neatly in blue or black ink.
- Have a cover page, with a creative title, your name, date and grade
- Be written in first person
- Address the character's motivations, feelings, and reactions, about people and events from the book accurately.
- Reflect careful insight into the character based on your thoughtful reading and understanding of the story.
- Be proofread and spellchecked

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## 2. All students must choose ONE of the following novels and write a book review

Jazmin's Notebook, Nikki Grimes

Hatchet, Gary Paulsen

The Face on the Milk Carton, Caroline Cooney

Call of the Wild, Jack London

Are You There God, It's Me Margaret by Judy Blume

### **Book Review Instructions:**

Paragraph 1 - Introduction

- State the title and author of the book
- Give a brief summary of the book
- State your thesis ( your opinion on the book)

Paragraph 2 - Supporting Point Number 1 (first reason why you like or dislike the book)

- Topic Sentence
- Supporting Detail
- Specific Example/Detail from text
- Supporting Detail #2
- Supporting Detail from text
- Concluding Sentence

Paragraph 3 - Supporting Point Number 2 (second reason why you like or dislike the book)

- Topic Sentence
- Supporting Detail
- Specific Example/Detail from text
- Supporting Detail #2
- Supporting Detail from text
- Concluding Sentence

Paragraph 4 - What you would change if you could?

- Topic Sentence - what would you change if you could?
- Supporting detail explaining why
- Specific Detail from text
- If necessary ( second supporting detail explaining why)
- Specific Detail from text
- Concluding Sentence

Paragraph 5 - Recommendation

- Topic Sentence - State your recommendation(if you would recommend the book and to whom.)
- Restate your reason #1
- Restate your reason #2
- Restate your reason #3
- Concluding sentence