

Summer Reading Assignment – 8th

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 1st day of school.

8th Grade Class – 08/09

1. Choose ONE of the following books and write your own memoir.

Bad Boy: A Memoir by Walter Dean Myers

Who Am I Without Him by Sharon Flake

Memoir

Directions: Choose 5 incidents and/or events from your life and write your own mini-memoir. Your memoir should:

- **Have a cover page, with a creative title, your name, date and grade**
- **Have a paragraph introduction where you introduce yourself. Name, age and something interesting about you.**
- **Be about 5 separate incidents (school, family, friendship, embarrassing moment, a crush, your neighborhood, something bad that happened etc)**
- **Each entry should be at least 1 page long**
- **Each entry should have a unique title**
- **Be written in 1st person.**
- **Each entry should include at least 2 forms of figurative language**
- **Be told from your point of view**
- **Be proofread and spell checked.**
- **Be typed or written neatly in blue or black ink.**

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2. All students must choose ONE of the following novels and write a Book Review

Absolutely Normal Chaos, Sharon Creech

The First Part Last, Angela Johnson

Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck

Fast Talk on a Slow Track by Rita Williams - Garcia

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

