

Grade 5th 2024 Summer Reading Assignment:

During the summer, students are expected to read Wringer by Jerry Spinelli. We will discuss the novel the first week of school in September. Each student is to write 3-4 paragraphs in which he/she presents a summary, **discuss the main characters, and opinion of the book Wringer.**

Suggested Outline: Main Assignment

Paragraph 1: Summary of book. Please be sure to discuss the main parts of the book from beginning to end. (5-8 sentences)

Paragraph 2: Discuss the main characters in the book. Please be sure to discuss the main characters actions, how other characters feel about them, and if they are a villain or hero within the story. (5-8 sentences)

Paragraph 3: After reading Wringer, write about your opinion of the book. What did you like or not like about the book? Would you change anything about it? (5-8 sentences)

Then the student may choose another novel from the list below and then write a summary of the novel and be ready to share their thoughts on it. Each assignment needs to be typed.

Suggested Outline for Second Assignment:

Paragraph 1: Discuss what the book was about, write a blurb that would describe perfectly to a reader what topic they are about to read about.

Paragraph 2: Discuss the plot of the book, and how the main character(s) help to solve an issue or problem that is occurring in the book.

Paragraph 3: Discuss the ending of the book, how any problems or issues were solved.

Grade 5 Recommended **Summer** Reading

Fiction:

***Skullduggery Pleasant* by Derek Landry**

***The Schwa Was Here* by Neal Shusterman**

Homecoming by Cynthia Voight

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Nothing but the Truth by Avi

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

Recommended Science Fiction and Fantasy:

The Eye, the Ear, and the Arm by Nancy Farmer

Half Magic by Edward Eager

The Name of this Book Is Secret by Pseudonymous Bosch

Recommended Historical Fiction:

Bull Run by Paul Fleischman

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

Recommended Nonfiction:

The Dark Game: True Spy Stories by Paul B. Janeczko

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science by John Fleischman

The Tarantula in My Purse and 172 Other Wild Pets by Jean Craighead

George Arab Science and Invention in the Golden Age by Anne Blanchard

Can I See Your ID? True Stories of False Identities by Chris Barton

The Word Snoop by Ursula Dubosarsky

Recommended Biography/Memoir:

***Gorilla Mountain: The Story of Wildlife Biologist, Amy Vedder* by Rene Ebersole**

***Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip M Hoose**

***The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain* by Peter Sis**

***Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery* by Russell Freedman**

***Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement*
by Ann**

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