

Grade 5th 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*. You are to type your assignment.

TRY: The students are to type to annotate while reading the novel. Please use the anchor chart below for a sample for how to annotate a novel.

ANNOTATION SYMBOLS

# (1, 2, 3, 4, etc.)	PARAGRAPHS & STANZAS
<u>Underline</u>	KEY WORDS/DETAILS
<u>Double underline</u>	MAIN/CENTRAL IDEA
*	IMPORTANT INFO
	VOCABULARY
?	CONFUSING
!	SURPRISING
Notes in margins	THOUGHTS & COMMENTS
+ and -	AGREE and DISAGREE

READING = THINKING

Then the student may choose another novel from the list and write a summary of the novel and also be ready to share their thoughts on the novel.

Each assignment needs to be typed.

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Recommended 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:

The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck
Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes
Bull Run by Paul Fleischman
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

Recommended Nonfiction:

The Dark Game: True Spy Stories by Paul B. Janecko
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 Bausum