

2023 Summer Reading - Rising 7th Graders

Due Date: August 7, 2023

Requirement: Select from one (1) of the novels below. **Identify** a main or secondary character's predominant (most noticeable) personality trait*. For example, the character might exhibit greed or generosity or compassion. (Students are not limited to these character traits.) Then, **find** three quotations [one in the beginning of the novel, one in the middle, and one at the end] to support the trait; **record** them using quotation marks and parenthetical citations of page numbers. Finally, for each quotation, **write** a paragraph of explanation or clarification to support the choice. Remember to write with **third person** pronouns. All of this should be **typed and saved** in One Drive.

NOTE: the attached sheets may be used for your rough draft. An example of the required assignment can be found on the last page. **THIS ASSIGNMENT WILL BE GRADED.**

***Sample personality traits:** greed, generosity, compassion, malice, determination, loyalty, hardworking, cooperative, patience, bravery, observant, cautious, trustworthy, responsible, demanding, stubborn, impatient, arrogance, dishonesty, etc...

Novel Selection List: Please select one (1) of the novels on the list to read for this summer reading/writing assignment

1. *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai (recommended for AC students)
2. *The Greatest: Muhammad Ali* by Walter Dean Myers (recommended for AC students)
3. *Breaking Through* by Francisco Jimenez
4. *Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution* by Ji-Li Jiang
5. *Return to Sender* by Julia Alvarez

**** This list comes from the Springboard book. The Springboard book will be one of the resources students will utilize in the classroom during the 2023 – 2024 school year.**

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

Number of pages: _____ **Lexile:** _____

Character’s Name: _____

Personality Trait: _____

First Quotation (beginning of book; page _____)

Explanation: _____

Second Quotation (middle of book; page _____)

Explanation:_____

Third Quotation (end of book; page _____)

Explanation:_____

EXAMPLE

John Doe < --make this your name

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Title of Book: Raymond's Run

Author: Toni Cade Bambara

Number of pages: 200

Lexile: 725

Character's Name: Squeaky

Personality Trait: Pugnacity

First Quotation: "I don't play the dozens or believe in standing around with somebody in my face doing a lot of talking. I much rather just knock you down [. . .]" (p. 115).

Explanation: Never concerned about the size or age of her opponent, Squeaky confronts her offenders eager for a fight. Youngsters can be cruel, and Squeaky more than likely endures stares and insults about Raymond daily. She could choose to ignore the comments and stares, take a deep relaxing breath, and walk away, but she does not—she is combatant and enjoys confrontations. Alternatively, Squeaky could propose to the offenders that they treat her brother more compassionately. After all, she could remind them, Raymond is cognitively disabled and needs help, not hurt. Instead, she allows her warlike nature to dominate. She is often engaged in altercations.

(**Note:** You will have a second and third quotation/explanation as well)