

POSNACK PLUS

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Middle School Summer Reading 2019 Incoming 8th Grade Students

Read: *They Cage the Animals at Night*, by Jennings Michael Burch

When returning to school in the fall, students will write a three-paragraph essay that reflects upon Jennings' struggles and his inspirations to overcome them.

Assignment:

- Keep a journal that outlines your reaction to each chapter of the book. Reactions should be limited to a maximum of three sentences. Remember, a reaction is NOT a summary, it is a response.
- Annotate your book for the following. Be prepared to conference with your teacher and discuss your annotations at the beginning of the school year.
 - Character Traits
 - Plot Development
 - Specific questions you may have about the book
 - Unfamiliar vocabulary words

Suggested Titles for Additional Reading (optional):

I Will Always Write Back by Caitlin Alifirenka

The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel - Michael Scott

The Book Thief - Marcus Zusak

The Selection – Kiera Cass