



## Language Arts-Incoming 6th grade

### Summer Assignment

Students are required to read **two** books-one mandatory book and one book of choice from the list below- and complete the writing assignment for each book.

**Mandatory:** *Things Not Seen* by Andrew Clements **OR** *Rain Reign* by Ann M. Martin

**Assignment:** Complete the assignment below on a Google document. **Be sure to include your first and last name on the top of your document.**

1. Write the title of your book and the author's name.
2. Give a brief description of the setting (time and place in which the story happens).
3. Write a list of the main characters in the story.
4. Write 2-3 sentences about the conflict or problem in the story.
5. Write 1-2 sentences that explain the solution of the problem (conflict).
6. In 3 - 4 sentences, explain the author's lesson or message of the story.
7. Identify 3 character traits (adjectives) to describe the main character.
8. From what point of view is the story told? Who is telling the story?
9. What connections did you make to the story? Describe either a personal connection you made to the story or a connection to the real world in 1-2 sentences.
10. Write 3 quotes that are critical to the story. (Briefly explain why each is important to the story and include the page number from the text.)
11. Write 3 to 5 discussion questions. (If you were leading a discussion group on this novel, what questions would you ask?)

**Book of Choice:**

Choose one of the books from the list below and complete the assignment.

**Assignment:** Choose **5** of the “Reader’s Response” sentence starters below and write 3-4 sentences for each sentence starter. This assignment should be typed in a Google document.

**Reader’s response sentence starters:**

When I started reading this book, I thought....

I really don't like the part where...

I really like/dislike this idea because...

I think this setting is important because...

This scene reminds me of a similar scene in (title of book/movie/tv show) because...

I really like/dislike this writing because...

This part is very realistic/unrealistic because...

This section makes me think about...

I dislike (Character Name) because...

I began to think of....

I love the way...

I can't believe...

I wonder why...

I noticed...

I'm not sure...

I like the way the author...

I felt sad when...

I wish that...

I was surprised when...

It seems like...

I want to know more about...

I predict...

The most important passage is...(use quotation marks and give page #) because...

I'd like to ask the writer....

Choose ONE of the following **titles**:

*Found* - Margaret Peterson Haddix

*Counting by 7s* - Holly Goldberg Sloan

*The Mysterious Benedict Society* - Trenton Lee Stewart

*Endymion Spring* - Matthew Skelton

*Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* - Jack Gantos

*Who Put That Hair in My Toothbrush?* - Jerry Spinelli

*Listen, Slowly* - Thanhha Lai

*The Sound of Freedom* - Kathy Kacer

*The Watsons Go to Birmingham* - Christopher Paul Curtis