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Welcome to 6th Grade ...

Your summer reading assignment begins with a novel of (almost) any fiction genre * on a 6th grade reading level - that is *at least* 175 pages in length.

After reading, you will be asked to respond to some specific questions about the protagonist of the novel and its theme(s). For added fun, you will be asked to compare yourself to the protagonist and make three connections to the theme(s):

Text to Self

Text to World

Text to Text

(* *Picture books, comic books, and graphic novels are not acceptable for this assignment, but sound like fun reading for your own enjoyment* :)

Have a safe summer ~ and happy reading !

Please use MLA format and then

list the following before you write or type responses to #s 1 - 5
All responses should be a **minimum** of 6-8 sentences.

Book Title (don't forget to italicize):

Author:

Publication Date:

Number of pages:

1. Briefly describe the protagonist of the novel -

WITHOUT mentioning his or her *physical* characteristics - or plot details.

Then compare yourself to this character using as many important similarities and differences as necessary to not only describe *your* characteristics and qualities, but to tell me something about you I might not already know (if I already know you :)..

2. Identify and explain one of the themes of this novel.

(What is a message the author shared with the readers?)

Be sure to include the plot details that helped you make that inference.

3. Make a text-to-self connection about that theme.

(How does/can it apply to you? Explain.)

4. Make a text-to-world connection about that theme.

(How does it apply or relate to society? Explain.)

5. Make a text-to-text connection about that theme.

(How does it remind you of another book you read with a similar theme? Explain.)

Incoming 6th Graders,

Looking for something to read this summer?
Check out some of these titles:*

Other Words for Home, Jasmine Warga

Moon Over Manifest, Clare Vanderpool

Out of My Mind, Sharon M. Draper

The Girls Who Drank the Moon, Kelly Barnhill

Peak, Roland Smith

Mockingbird, Kathryn Erskine

Chasing Redbird, Sharon Creech

Baseball in April, Gary Soto

Esperanza Rising, Pam Munoz Ryan

Jackie & Me, Dan Gutman

When You Reach Me, Rebecca Stead

11 Birthdays, Wendy Mass

Loser, Jerry Spinelli

Our Only May Amelia, Jennifer L. Holm

No Talking, Andrew Clements

The Secret Garden, Frances Hodgson Burnett

Because of Mr. Terupt, Rob Buyea

The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963, Christopher Paul Curtis

The Year of Billy Miller, Kevin Henke (2014 Newbery Honor Book)

Little Women, Louisa May Alcott (timeless classic)

*While all of these books are representative of quality literature for young adults, some of the subject matter might not be suitable for every student. Parents know their children better than anyone else, and are in the best position to make final decisions on reading selections.