

## Summer Reading Assignment

Read at least two books over the summer.

For two books, choose three questions from the list below to answer. Lines for your questions and answers are provided on the next page.

### Biography, Autobiography, Memoir

- Why is this person famous?
- Discuss three to four personality traits that helped this person overcome obstacles to achieve his or her goals.
- What do you admire or dislike about this person. Explain your position.
- How did/does this person affect the lives of others?
- What message(s) or lessons can a reader take from the experiences of this person?

### Fiction

- What are the realistic themes and issues in the book? Do they have to do with to do with love, courage, growing up, peer pressure, friendships, family relationships, survival, divorce, stereotyping? Explain why they seem realistic.
- What message or lesson does this book teach about life or human nature?
- What qualities do you admire in one of the characters and why? Explain how these qualities are shown through the character's words and/or actions.
- Choose a character and discuss how an event, person, or decision changed this character.
- In what way did this book change the way you think? Or what does this book leave you thinking about?
- Were there problems the character(s) couldn't solve? Why do you think they couldn't be resolved?
- In what ways can you identify with the character(s)?
- How does the author show you who the characters are? Give an example of a character's actions, reactions or words by paraphrasing or quoting text and tell what you infer (conclude) about that character.

### Fantasy

- What special powers does the hero possess? What does the way the hero uses his/her super powers suggest about him/her?
- What personality traits do you or someone you know have in common with the hero? Discuss two of these.
- What does the hero learn about himself/herself? about life?
- What are the settings? Explain the elements of fantasy you see in the setting?



**Nonfiction**

- What new information did you learn from this book?
- What did you learn from photographs? charts? illustrations?
- Did this book change your thinking on this topic? Or what does this book leave you thinking about?
- Did the author weave opinions in with facts? Can you find examples of each?

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