

# Summer Reading Assignment for incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts

Please obtain and read one of the following books from the Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books:

## 2017-2018 List for Grades 6-8

- Courage for Beginners by Karen Harrington
- Framed! by James Ponti
- The Girl in the Well is Me by Karen Rivers
- The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill
- How to (Almost) Ruin Your Summer by Taryn Souders
- It Ain't So Awful, Falafel by Firoozeh Dumas
- The Mark of the Dragonfly by Jaleigh Johnson
- Moving Target by Christina Diaz Gonzalez
- The Nerdy Dozen by Jeff Miller
- The Nest by Kenneth Oppel
- Omega City by Diana Peterfreund
- Randoms by David Liss
- Shadows of Sherwood by Kekla Magoon
- Terror at Bottle Creek by Watt Key
- The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubak Bradley

**Assignment directions:** Choose one of the following questions to answer for every one to three chapters. You must evenly reflect from each section of the book (beginning, middle, end), using a different question each time. Choose the best question you think fits with the chapters you read. You must use **all questions**. Write the question, neatly answer in paragraph form (minimum 5 sentences), and be sure to **cite text evidence**. It will be due the second week of school for a grade and your teacher may decide to have further activities related to the book.

1. While you were reading today, describe what you pictured in your mind about the story? (visualization)
2. Which character do you connect with the most and why? (personal connection)
3. Which part of your book are you having the most difficulty understanding or connecting with? (self-evaluation)
4. Which part of the story caused the most intense feelings in you? Why? (emotional connection)
5. How realistic is the plot of your book? Explain. (critical thinking)
6. Which character would you like to have as a friend and why? (personal connection)
7. What do you think will happen in the next section you read? (prediction)
8. If you could "jump" into your book right now, what would you do in the story and why? (personal connection)
9. Which part of what you read today were you able to visualize the best and why? (visualization)
10. What event, setting or character in this book reminds you of your life and why? (personal connection)

**This will be sent home before the end of the year, and will be posted on the JLMS website!**