

# **Black River Middle School**

## **New 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading**

### ***Information for Students and Parents***

Summer reading is required for all students entering Ms. Gardner's seventh grade English class in the fall of 2011. Students are to select **three** of the following books from at least two different genres and complete the assignments. These assignments will be the first grades of the new school year and will be due no later than Wednesday, September 7, 2011.

**Assignment:** Write a journal entry for each novel. Each entry should include:

- A summary that includes a detailed description of the major conflict or problem
- A description of the setting (if applicable)
- A list and description of characters (if applicable)
- The audience for which the book is written
- The purpose or theme of the book
- A personal response to the work of at least one full page that includes
  - What you most liked
  - What you least liked
  - What you will remember

Journals should be bound or stapled together and clearly labeled with the title and author of each work discussed. Grades will be based on the quality of your description and personal reflection for each work. A total of three major grades will be given for the journal (one for each book).

The books you choose to read should be a family decision. If you have a book or books you would like to read that are not on the list, please contact Ms. Gardner by email ([agardner@together.net](mailto:agardner@together.net)) or by phone (228-4336) to ask for approval before reading the book for this assignment. There are lots of excellent choices available.

If you choose to participate in a program at Fletcher Memorial Library or at Belmont Library and have a note that confirms this, you can receive extra credit. If you complete the Summer Reading Program at the Belmont Library, you will receive credit for one book selection.

Many of the books are available at your local library. Please plan ahead to make sure you can get the book when you need it. Questions? Please ask. You may call or email over the summer as needed.

**Due Date: September 7, 2011. No late journals will be accepted.**

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>GENRE</b>
<i>145<sup>th</sup> Street: Short Stories</i>	Myers, Walter Dean	SS
<i>A Stone in My Hand</i>	Clinton, Cathryn	F
<i>Absolutely Normal Chaos</i>	Creech, Sharon	F
<i>Attila the Hun</i>	Wicked History Series	NF
<i>Bound</i>	Napoli, Donna Jo	F
<i>Calder Game</i>	Balliet, Blue	F – Mystery
<i>Catherine the Great</i>	Wicked History Series	NF
<i>Chains</i>	Anderson, Laurie Halse	F – Historical
<i>Chew on This (Young Readers Edition)</i>	Schlosser, Eric	NF
<i>Courage to be Yourself</i>	Desetta, Al	NF – Essays
<i>Crash</i>	Spinelli, Jerry	F
<i>Define Normal</i>	Peters, Julie Anne	F
<i>Exploding Toilets: Urban Legends</i>	Hold, David & Mooney, Bill	SS
<i>Flipped</i>	Van Draanen, Wendelin	F – Coming of Age
<i>Genghis Khan</i>	Wicked History Series	NF
<i>Lock and Key</i>	Dessen, Sarah	F
<i>Maniac Magee</i>	Speinelli, Jerry	F - Coming of Age
<i>Midwife's Apprentice</i>	Cushman, Karen	F - Historical
<i>My Life in Dog Years</i>	Paulsen, Gary	NF - Memoir
<i>Odds Are Good</i>	Coville, Bruce	SS
<i>On the Fringe</i>	Gallo, Donald	SS
<i>Savvy</i>	Law, Ingrid	F - Fantasy
<i>Seeing Redd: Looking Glass Wars</i>	Beddor, Frank	F – Fantasy
<i>Silent to the Bone</i>	Konigsburg, E.I.	F
<i>Sir Francis Drake</i>	Wicked History Series	NF
<i>Skeleton Man</i>	Bruchac, Jospheh	F – Mystery/Horror
<i>Soldiers Heart</i>	Paulsen, Gary	F -Historical
<i>Somewhere in the Darkness</i>	Myers, Walter Dean	F
<i>Sword of the Rightful King</i>	Yolen, Jane	F - Fantasy
<i>Tangerine</i>	Bloor, Edward	F – Coming of Age
<i>Teacher's Funeral</i>	Peck, Richard	F
<i>This I Believe</i>	Allison, Jay & Gediman, Dan Eds.	NF - Essays
<i>Trickster's Choice</i>	Pierce, Tamora	F – Fantasy
<i>Uncommon Champions</i>	Kaminsky, Marty	NF – Biography
<i>Vlad the Impaler</i>	Wicked History Series	NF
<i>Waves</i>	Dogar, Sharon	F - Mystery
<i>Within Reach</i>	Pfetzer, Mark	NF - Memoir
<i>Youngest Templar: Keeper of the Grail</i>	Spradlin, Michael	F - Historical

