

Summer Reading Assignment

ASSIGNMENT DETAILS:

We are going to embark on an author study! You will be reading two books by the same author for your summer reading project. One book has been chosen for you and the second is your free choice from the same author.

	Book One	Book Two
6th grade	<i>Loser</i> - by Jerry Spinelli	Any book by Jerry Spinelli
7th grade	<i>Maniac Magee</i> - by Jerry Spinelli	Any book by Jerry Spinelli
8th grade	<i>Touching Spirit Bear</i> - by Ben Mikalsen	Any book by Ben Mikalsen

Directions:

Select two activities, one for each book you read. Written parts of activities may be neatly handwritten or typed. Visual parts of the activities are graded on thoughtfulness, completeness, and neatness, not on your artistic ability.

ASSIGNMENT OPTIONS

1.) *Journal/blog* – Write 3 journal entries or blog posts from the perspective of a character in the book. One journal entry should be from before the book begins or from early in the book. The second entry should be from right before or right after a major event (perhaps the climax) of the book. The final entry should be about the character’s thoughts at the end of the book. Each entry should be at least one paragraph in length.

2.) *Prequel* – Write a prequel to your book. A prequel is the story that happens **before** the first chapter. Select one or more characters and write the backstory

that explains what happened leading up to the beginning of the book. Your prequel should imitate the author's writing style. The prequel should be 3-4 paragraphs long.

3.) *Epilogue* – Write an epilogue for your book. An epilogue tells the story of what happens **after** the last chapter of the book. You may choose to write about what happens immediately after the end of the book, or several years later. Your epilogue should imitate the author's writing style. The epilogue should be 3-4 paragraphs long.

4.) *Interview* – Write an imaginary interview between yourself and a character in the book. The character you select does not have to be the main character but should be an interesting character. Write the interview like a script, including the questions you ask or say as well as the responses of the character. The interview should be 3-4 paragraphs long.

5.) *Commercial* – Make a commercial for the book. You may create this in PowerPoint or any kind of technology. Your commercial should include information about the plot, the author, major characters, and important events. Be sure not to give away the ending!

Looking forward to seeing all your completed assignments! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out. You can email me at mhirsch@thejec.org

Have a wonderful summer!