

**WALTER C. YOUNG MIDDLE SCHOOL
SUMMER READING LIST FOR INCOMING 7TH GRADE**

Choose two books from the following list and do **ONE** follow-up activity.

* If you have a difficult time finding these books, you may choose another book by the same author.

<u>Novel</u>	<u>Author</u>
The View From Saturday	E.L. Konigsburg
Mick Harte Was Here	Barbara Park
Slam!	Walter Dean Myers
The City of Ember	Jeanne DuPrau
Crazy Weekend	Gary Soto
Sparrow Hawk Red	Ben Mikaelson
Scorpions	Walter Dean Myers
Shoeless Joe and Me	Dan Gutman
A Face First	Priscilla Cummings
Summer of My German Soldier	Betty Greene
Bronx Masquerade	Nikki Grimes
How Angel Peterson Got His Name	Gary Paulsen
Taking Sides	Gary Soto
A Wrinkle In Time	Madeleine L'Engle
Crossing Jordan	Adrian Fogelin
The Black Pearl.	Scott O'Dell
Surviving the Applewhites	Stephanie Tolan
The Downsiders	Neal Shusterman
Night Hoops	Carl Deuker
Flash Fire	Caroline Cooney
The Schwa Was Here	Neal Shusterman
The Skin I'm In	Sharon Flake

Follow-Up Activities – Choose one activity. Activities will be submitted to your Reading teacher at WCY the first week of school. The teachers will be choosing the second activity for you to do based on summer reading.

Write a T-shirt slogan that expresses a message about the theme of your novel. A T-shirt slogan should have a small number of words and be catchy. It should express an opinion, a point of view, or an observation or truth about nature, life, or the human condition. It should be a brief, concise statement. Ex. Practice random acts of kindness; Don't worry, be happy; Celebrate our differences; Why be normal.

Character Crest – what would be good symbols to represent the major character in your novel? Divide a sheet of paper into 4 boxes. In each box, draw symbols that represent the character. Think about things he likes to do, his talents, his achievements, what he values most, major conflicts in his life, and his goals.

Pretend that you are the main character in your novel. You need help solving your problem. Write a letter to a newspaper advice columnist asking for help solving your problem. Address the letter to Dear Aunt Blabby.

Advertisement – Draw a picture that shows the most important point of the story and would be a good “selling point” to persuade other middle school students to read the book. Underneath the picture, write a convincing paragraph persuading others to read this book.

Diary – pretend you are a character in the novel you have chosen to read. Keep a journal expressing your feelings about what is happening to you in the story. The journal must contain a minimum of 8 entries.

