

WALTER C. YOUNG MIDDLE SCHOOL
INCOMING 8TH GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

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

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

<u>Novel</u>	<u>Author</u>
Fever 1793	Laurie Halse Anderson
Stargirl	Jerry Spinelli
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants	Ann Brashares
Someone Is Hiding On Alcatraz Island	Eve Bunting
The House of the Scorpion	Nancy Farmer
Son of the Mob	Gordon Korman
Full Tilt	Neal Shusterman
Star Girl	Jerry Spinelli
Running Out of Time	Margaret Paterson Haddix
A Girl Named Disaster	Nancy Farmer
Bull Catcher	Alden Carter
The Contender	Robert Lipsyte
Double Dutch	Sharon Draper
The Young Landlords	Walter Dean Myers
Armageddon Summer	Jane Yolen/Bruce Coville
The Trouble with Lemons	Daniel Hayes
Something for Joey	Richard Peck
If I Should Die Before I Wake	Han Nolan
Whisper in the Dark	Joseph Bruchac
Don't You Dare Read This, Mrs. Dumphrey	Margaret Peterson Haddix
Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life	Wendy Mass
The Sacrifice	Kathleen Benner Duple

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.

Problems-Problems-Problems – Every piece of fiction has a problem. List the main problem in your story. List the ways the characters try to solve the problem. How is the problem finally solved? How else could the problem have been solved? Write the name and author of the book to which you are referring.

Imagine reading a novel is like taking a journey. Use this page to draw that journey. Draw a road that a reader must travel on as he moves chronologically through the events of your book. Draw story events or settings of the greatest importance. This road is a time line of events.

The Winner! What is the one thing that really stands out in your mind about this book? Explain why this is an important book for teenagers to read. Who would you encourage to read this book and why? If you could give your book an award, what would it be? Design an award (draw a picture of the award) to give to the author. Explain what the award is called and why you gave it to this author.

Time Capsule – A time capsule is one way to tell future generations about the setting in which you live. Choose 6 items that are representative of your book and explain why they are meaningful to the story and should be placed in the time capsule.

Write a letter to the author telling him/her why you enjoyed the novel. Explain how you feel about the main character and plot. You may make your own suggestions about how some of the events turned out.

