

Sligo Middle School
Summer Reading
2017-2018



Dear Parents and Students,

Research continues to show that the “summer slide” is real. Keeping the minds of our young active and growing is of the utmost importance in our attempt to both close the achievement gap and to promote continuous growth.

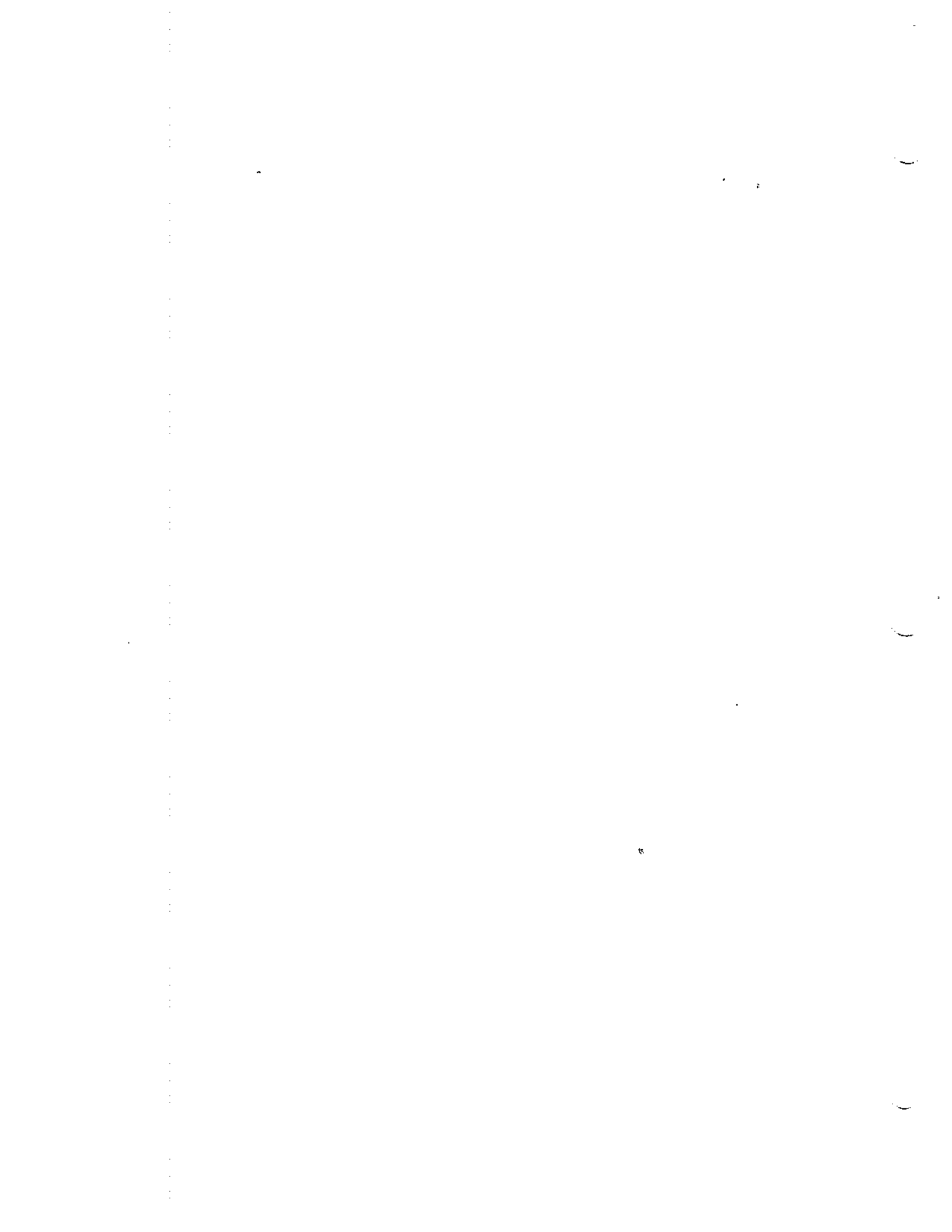
Incoming 6th graders, 7th graders, and 8th graders are responsible for completing all assignments contained in this packet. Students should read **one fiction novel** of their choice. This novel should be used to complete the plot diagram and the well developed paragraph included in this packet. Students are also responsible for reading the attached **informational text** and answering the accompanying questions.

These assignments will be due on **September 8th** to your English teacher. The deadline will be **September 15th**. Answer all questions thoroughly using proper capitalization, punctuation, and grammar. Use complete sentences and make a solid first impression!

Please email Mr. Ron Harris with any questions.
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Everyone attending Sligo Middle School in the 2017-18 school year is expected to complete the summer reading assignment.

Sincerely,
The English Department



FICTION (Narrative)

Name _____

Date _____

Summer Reading Assignment

Objectives:

- Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.
- Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact.

Title of book: _____

Author: _____ Number of pages: _____

Setting: _____

Point of View: _____

Goal of the Main Character: _____

Conflict: _____

Resolution: _____

Evidence Based Question: How did the **setting** complicate (add to) the **conflict** of the story? Provide evidence from the text/book to support your answer. (You **MUST** write at least 5-8 sentences)

Evidence-Based Question (Plot/Characterization)

Key Ideas and Details (choose only one question to answer)

- Based on what you read, **what can you conclude about the main character(s)?** Use two pieces of text evidence to support your response. Explain how the evidence supports your response.
- How does the **conflict help show the theme** of the book? Explain. Use text evidence to support your response.
- **How do the character's actions or choices affect the story?** Use specific examples/evidence in your analysis.

Claim/Answer/Response:

Evidence (Quote from the book): _____

Reasoning/Explanation: _____

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Reasoning/Explanation: _____

Plot Elements

Use the information on this page to help you complete the plot mountain.

Exposition: Beginning of the story; introduction of the main characters and setting

Rising Action: Events in the story become complicated and the conflict is revealed; one or more characters in crisis, the plot begins to unfold

Climax: Point of highest interest or emotion; suspense mounts; turning point; the reader wonders what will happen next; Will the conflict be resolved or not?

Falling Action: Resolution of the character's crisis; events and complications begin to resolve themselves

Resolution: Final outcome or untangling of events in the story

THEME: A story's message about life or human nature; the lesson learned from the characters and events in a story

Example: Little Red Riding Hood

Exposition: The grandmother gets sick and so Mother sends Red Riding Hood off with a basket of goodies for her. Mother cautions Red to stay on the path.

Rising Action:

- Red Riding Hood must go through the dark woods to get to Grandmother's. On the way she meets the Big Bad Wolf who wants her basket of goodies.
- The wolf convinces Red to take a longer route, to "pick flowers", and heads off to Grandmother's house.
- The wolf eats Grandmother and then dresses up as her.
- When Red arrives he pretends to be Grandmother.
- Red notices first his big ears, then his eyes, hands, and finally his teeth.

Climax: The wolf jumps up and eats Red Riding Hood!

Falling Action:

- A woodman comes by and hearing the wolf snoring, stops in.
- He sees what has happened, cuts the wolf open and saves Red and Grandmother.

Resolution: The woodsman takes the wolfskin home. Red and Grandma eat the goodies in the basket.

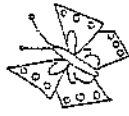
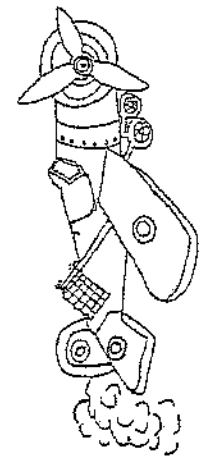
THEME(S): Be careful about talking to strangers.
Danger sometimes comes hidden in familiar clothing.
Follow the advice of your parents.

Plot Mountain

Directions: For each box, write an event from your book that accurately matches each plot element. Events should be in order from the beginning to the end of the story. Then, write the theme of your book.

Title: _____

Author: _____



Climax:

Rising Action:

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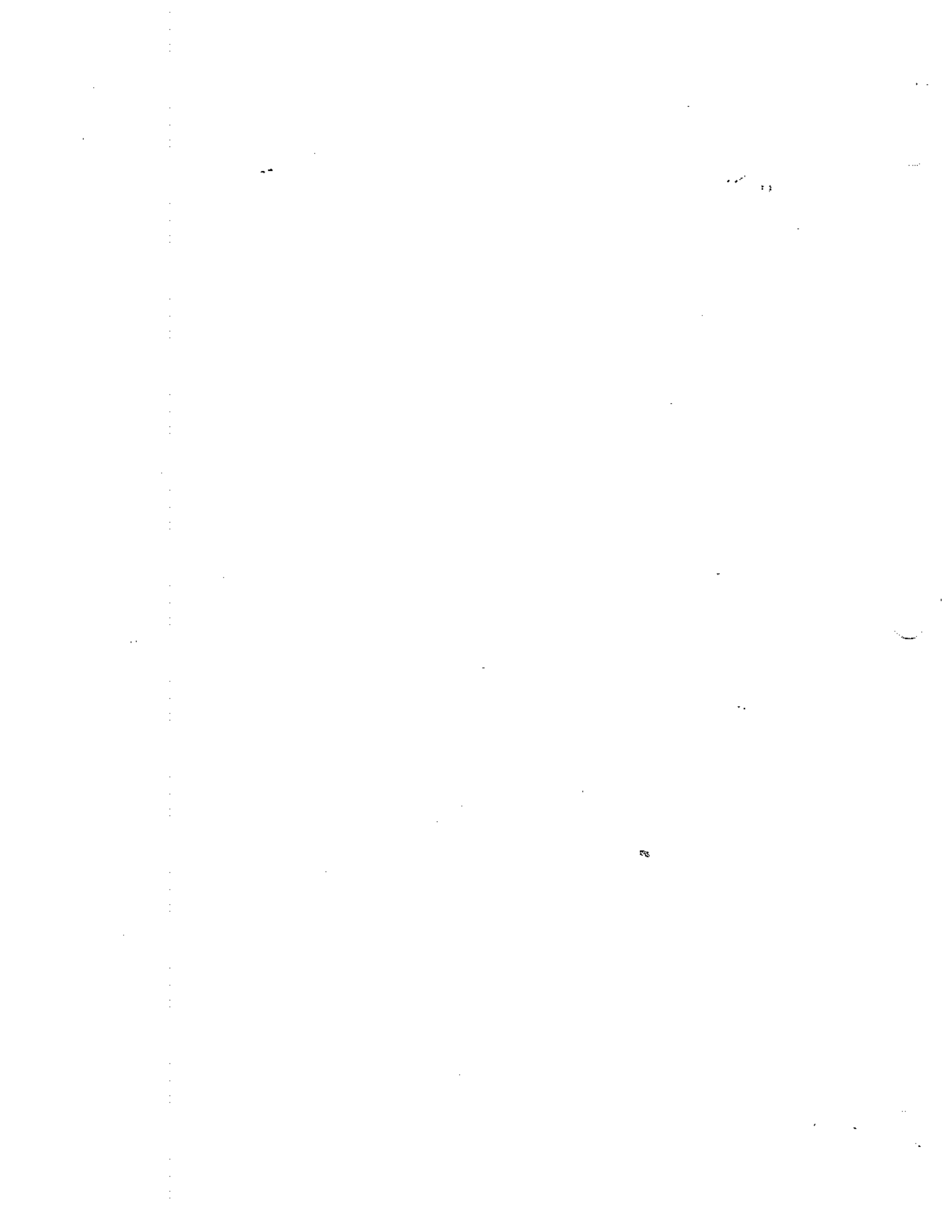
Exposition:

Falling Action:

Theme:

Resolution:





* Use the article on the back of this page or choose an informational article of your own.



Informational Text

Title: _____

Author: _____ Date of article: _____

Event: _____ Source: (Newspaper, magazine, web, etc.) _____

Read your article and answer the questions in COMPLETE SENTENCES. (Attach your entire news article to this sheet.)

1. Who?

3. When?

2. What?

4. Where?

5. What happened? (Summary) Describe in at least five sentences.

6. Why is this important to: (circle one)

a) the community/state/world?

b) you?

7. What emotions came up while you read this article? Explain.

8. Choose 3 uncommon words or words important to the topic and define each based on context clues.

Word	Meaning
a.	
b.	
c.	

Evidence Based Questions

9. Key Ideas and Details (Choose only one question to answer in a well-structures paragraph)

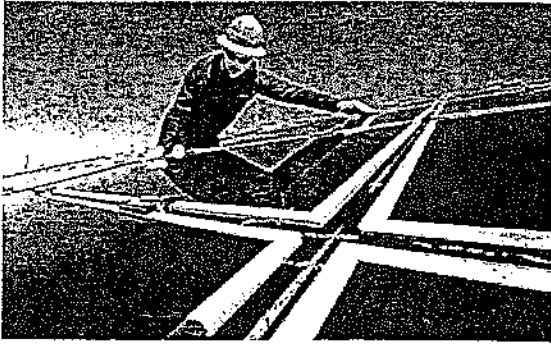
- How has this new information changed your way of thinking about the subject? Use evidence from the text to support your response.
- Were any topics introduced that left you with unanswered questions? Explain. Use specific text details to support your response.

10. Author's Craft and Structure (Choose only one question to answer in a well-structures paragraph)

- What is the author's purpose for writing this text? Did the author write to persuade, inform, or entertain? Use specific text details to support your response.
- What is the author's tone? How do the author's word choices establish the tone? Use evidence from the text to support your response.

Energy Engineers

Renewable sources of energy are becoming more important. Sunlight and wind are some of the most abundant and cleanest energy sources. We have depended on fossil fuels for sometime. But now there is a need for renewable energy systems. Solar and wind energy engineers help develop and improve ways to collect energy. They work on solar cells and wind turbines. Similarly, car makers are creating vehicles that use less fossil fuel and emit less pollution into the air. Electric car manufacturers are making cars that run on renewable fuel.



An engineer fitting solar panels for a rooftop.

Managing Our Energy

Energy managers play a crucial role in big projects. They figure out how to best conserve the huge amount of energy they use. It is important to save energy and not use it all up. Energy

managers plan and manage these projects. In turn, they help slow climate change. Over the next few decades, we will move from using fossil fuels to using renewable sources of energy like wind and solar power. Energy managers are the experts in this field.

Advocating for the Environment

Sustainability is becoming a priority. Environmental laws help control what humans do to the Earth. These laws help control energy usage and pollution. Environmental lawyers make sure people and large corporations follow these laws. They take cases about environmental rights, water and climate change, international environmental policies, and clean technology.

Nonprofit Work

Nonprofit organizations educate the community, run campaigns, and raise money for environmental issues. These groups do not aim to make a profit like a business. Instead, they just want to raise awareness about environmental issues. Working for an environmental nonprofit organization can look different from role to role. Some employees plan events while others are lobbyists. Environmental lobbyists are the link between scientists, politicians, and the public. They help influence the way politicians vote on different environmental issues. They may meet with politicians or put on events that raise awareness about new laws.

One of the largest nonprofit organizations that employs environmental lobbyists is called Greenpeace.

GREENPEACE

A Growing Industry

The Bureau of Labor Statistics says that there were 3.4 million green jobs in the U.S. in 2011. Clean technologies and renewable energy have seen many advancements since then. The number of green jobs will continue to grow. A career in sustainability can take many forms depending on your interests and passions. No matter what green career path you choose, it will be a rewarding job. You will be working towards the much larger goal of helping our planet.

Careers in Sustainability

Sustainability is a rapidly growing industry today. There are job opportunities ranging from engineering to advocacy. Each of these career paths is unique. But all jobs in sustainability work towards protecting the environment and promoting social responsibility. In the last few decades, our society has tried to reduce our carbon footprint. We have started using renewable energy sources. Green jobs have become more popular and more important.

America wants to see more green jobs.



Education and Background

Many people think a job in sustainability means being a scientist. That is a narrow view of this industry. Scientific jobs are an important part of this job sector, but green jobs can be in many different settings and roles. They can be related to engineering, technology, education, law, or business. The education and background needed to get a job in sustainability is different from job to job. People from all backgrounds and education levels can get a job in sustainability. You just need to work hard and have a passion for the cause.

You need a bachelor's degree from a college for most green jobs. Graduate school can help you gain extra experience to compete in the field. Sustainability professionals create new technologies, educate people about environmental issues, and help organizations and companies run more efficiently. If this sounds interesting, a career in sustainability might be for you. Here are some different careers that all focus on creating a more sustainable Earth.

In The Field

Our energy use impacts the world around us. Natural scientists observe and keep track of how our Earth changes over time. They look at its climate, land, water, and living organisms. They record measures like ocean acidity to see how humans are impacting other ecosystems.

A marine biologist making coral measurements in the ocean



Almost three quarters of the Earth is covered in water. It is an important natural resource and home to many living species. Scientists, like marine and aquatic biologists, study life in oceans, lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands. They also lead conservation efforts, monitor water pollution, and try to protect species.

International Literacy Association | Young Adults' Choices

Cress: The Lunar Chronicles, Book Three

Marissa Meyer. Feiwel & Friends.

The fugitives Cinder, Captain Thorne, Scarlet, and Wolf plot to overthrow Queen Levana and her army, and their best hope lies with Cress, who has been trapped on a satellite since childhood. After a daring rescue, Cress finally wins her freedom, but at a high price.

City of Heavenly Fire: The Mortal Instruments, Book Six

Cassandra Clare. Margaret K. McElderry.

Darkness has descended on the Shadowhunter world. Chaos and destruction overwhelm the Nephilim as Clary, Jace, Simon, and their friends band together to fight the greatest evil they have ever faced. Sebastian Morgenstern is on the move. Lives are lost, love is sacrificed, and the whole world changes.

The Only Thing to Fear

Caroline Tung Richmond. Scholastic.

It's been nearly 80 years since the allies lost WWII in a crushing defeat against Hitler's genetically engineered super soldiers. Zara lives a life of oppression in the Eastern America Territories. A revolution is growing, and a rogue rebel

Divided We Fall: Divided We Fall, Book One

Trent Reedy. Arthur A. Levine.

Danny Wright enlisted in the Idaho National Guard because he wanted to serve his country. When the governor orders the Guard to police a protest in Boise, his gun misfires, causing 12 to die. As tensions build, a second American civil war could be in the offing.

The Crossover

Kwame Alexander. HMH Books for Young Readers.

Josh Bell and his twin brother, Jordan, are awesome on the basketball court. They must come to grips with growing up on and off the court as they realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price. This story's heart-pounding climax proves to be a game changer for the entire family.

Cruel Beauty

Rosamund Hodge. Balzer + Bray.

Betrothed to Ignifex, the evil ruler of her kingdom, Nyx has always known her fate was to marry him, kill him, and free her people from his tyranny. But on her 17th birthday, she moves into his castle, and nothing is what she expected—particularly her charming and beguiling new husband.

Dangerous

Shannon Hale. Bloomsbury USA Children's.

At a NASA-like summer boot camp, Maisie Danger Brown uncovers a conspiracy, making her the only person standing between Earth and annihilation. Just a regular girl from Salt Lake City, Maisie must devise a plan to save the world and courageously act before she loses her heart—and her life.

Don't Look Back

Jennifer L. Armentrout. Disney-Hyperion.

Before she disappeared with her best friend, Cassie, everyone said Sam had it all—popularity, wealth, and a dream boyfriend. Now she has resurfaced, but Cassie is still missing. She doesn't know who she is or what happened that fateful night. Will Sam remember before it's too late?

Escape From Lucien: Amulet, Book Six

Kazu Kibuishi, Graphix.

Navin and his classmates' journey to Lucien, a city ravaged by war and plagued by mysterious creatures, where they search for a beacon essential to their fight against the Elf King. Meanwhile, Emily heads back into the Void with Max, one of the Elf King's loyal followers, where she learns his darkest secrets.

Girls Like Us

Gail Giles, Candlewick.

Quincy and Bidy are both graduates of their high school's special ed program, but they are quite different. Suspicious Quincy aggressively faces the world, while gentle Bidy is frightened to move outside her front door. As roommates in their first "real world" apartment, they must rely on each other to survive. Anda is obsessive about Coarsegold Online, a massive multiplayer role-playing game, where she can be a leader, a fighter, and a hero. When Anda befriends a Chinese player who violates the rules, she realizes questions of morality are complex when the virtual world meets reality.

Far From You

Tess Sharpe, Disney-Hyperion.

Sophie and her best friend Mina are confronted by a masked man in the woods. Sophie survives, but Mina is not so lucky. When the cops cast blame on Sophie, no one believes her innocence. After a forced stint in rehab, Sophie returns home to find the truth on her own.

Fat Boy vs. the Cheerleaders

(Paperback title: *Gabe Johnson Takes Over*)

Geoff Herbach, Sourcebooks Fire.

It's geeks versus jocks in an epic battle of the beverages. Gabe, aka Chunk, a marching band geek, drowns his dysfunctional family woes in a voracious soda habit. When the proceeds from the school's soda machine are transferred from the band to the cheerleaders, hijinks and trouble ensue. Revenge can be sweet.

A Few Titles Recommended for Summer Reading compiled from The American Library Association, the International Reading Association, and Scholastic Book

The Alchemist: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel

by Michael Scott
Random House/Delacorte, 2007
ISBN: 9780385733571.
Siblings Josh and Sophie discover that the owner of a bookstore is none other than the famous Nicholas Flamel. *First in a series.*

Bad Island

by Doug TenNapel
Graphix, 2011
ISBN: 9780545314794.
In this graphic novel, Lyle, Karen, Janie, and Reese must find a way off an island while they dodge strange and dangerous creatures.
by Tim Federle
Simon & Schuster, 2013

Better Nate than Ever

ISBN: 9781442446892.
Nate has a plan that—with a little luck—will take him from his non-fabulous Pennsylvania town to New York City and

land him a role in *E.T.: The Musical*.

Does My Head Look Big in This?

by Randa Abdel-Fattah
Scholastic/Orchard Books, 2007
ISBN: 9780439919470.
Outspoken and funny sixteen-year-old Amal, lover of shopping and television, decides to wear the hijab full time and perseveres despite resistance from classmates, townspeople, and even relatives.

Dogs of War

by Sheila Keenan, illustrated by Nathan Fox
Graphix, 2013
ISBN: 9780545128872.
This graphic novel tells the unforgettable true stories of three war heroes from three different eras—World War I, World War II, and Vietnam—and they all happened to have four legs.

The Dolphins of Shark Bay

by Pamela S. Turner
Houghton Mifflin, 2013
ISBN: 9780547716381.
Meet amazing dolphins that have learned to use tools to hunt for their dinner.

Ever After High: The Storybook of Legends

by Shannon Hale
Little, Brown, 2013
ISBN: 9780316401227.
In this fairy tale world, Raven Queen does not want to be evil like her mother, and Apple White, daughter of Snow White, is willing to be a little bad.

The Great Greene Heist

by Varian Johnson
Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine, 2014, ISBN: 9780545525527.
Jackson Greene vowed never to get involved in another middle-school con, but he is put to the test when the girl of his dreams runs for class president.

The Grimm Legacy

by Polly Shulman
Putnam, 2010
ISBN: 9780399250965.
When Elizabeth begins working in the New York Circulating Material Repository, she learns that some of the objects (and people) aren't as normal as they seem.

Legend

By Marie Lu
Putnam, 2011
ISBN: 9780399256752.
For those who like *The Hunger Games*, meet slum born Day and elite-born June as they fight to save their lives and their world. *First in a trilogy.*

The Lions of Little Rock

by Kristin Levine
Putnam, 2012
ISBN: 9780399256448.
In 1958, in Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration.

The Mark of the Dragonfly

by Jaleigh Johnson
Random House/Delacorte, 2014
ISBN: 9780385376150.
When plucky machinist Piper rescues Anna after a meteor shower, both girls stow away on an armored train to escape the man chasing them.

One Crazy Summer

by Rita Williams-Garcia
Amistad, 2010
ISBN: 9780060760885.
Three girls spend an unforgettable summer in the 1960s with their long lost mother and learn about Black Power, revolution, and forgiveness.

Road Trip

by Gary Paulsen and Jim Paulsen
Random House/Wendy Lamb Books, 2013
Initially expecting a simple trip to rescue a border collie, Ben finds himself traveling by school bus with his enthusiastic father, a crusty mechanic, and other colorful characters.

The Screaming Staircase

by Jonathan Stroud
Disney-Hyperion, 2013
ISBN: 9781423164913.
In a London overrun by ghosts, Lucy works with the ghost-hunting agency Lockwood & Co. to combat hauntings. *First in a series.*

A Song for Bijou

by Josh Farrar

Walker, 2013
ISBN: 9780802733948.

When Alex falls head over heels in love with the mysterious Bijou, he is going to have to break out of his shell to woo her.

Tesla's Attic

by Neal Shusterman and Eric Elfman
Disney-Hyperion, 2014
ISBN: 9781423148036.
When Nick holds a yard sale to get rid of the junk in the attic of his new home, he realizes too late that all the objects have mysterious powers and he needs to get them back.

When You Reach Me

by Rebecca Stead
Random House/Wendy Lamb Books, 2009
ISBN: 9780385737425.
Miranda receives a series of mysterious notes, but will she be too late to stop a tragedy.

Barbed Wire Baseball. Moss, Marissa. Illus.

by Yuko Shimizu. Abrams
Set in the internment camps of WWII, beautiful Japanese-style ink-and-calligraphy illustrations bring to life the story of Kenichi Zenimura, the father of Japanese-American baseball.

Battle Bunny. Scieszka, Jon and Barnett, Mac.

Illus. by Matthew Myers. Simon & Schuster
Not at all interested in his tame birthday gift, Alex remakes Birthday Bunny explode with chainsaws, megaton bombs, and pro-wrestling moves. An irreverent tale.

Battling Boy. Pope, Paul. Illus. by the author. First Second

In this explosive homage to superhero stories of yesteryear, the children of godlike beings are Acropolis's best hope for defeating supervillain Sinestro. The start of a trilogy.

Bluffton: My Summers with Buster. Phelan,

Matt. Illus. by the author. Candlewick
In this distinctively-visual, nostalgic graphic novel, Henry is resigned to spending a boring summer in Muskegon, Michigan, until young Buster Keaton arrives in town to spend the summer with his vaudeville troupe.

Bo at Ballard Creek. Hill, Kirkpatrick. Illus.

by LeUyen Pham. Holt
Set during the Alaska 1920s gold rush, orphaned Bo is adopted by two tough but loving gold miners; she experiences plenty of adventure, charmingly illustrated.

The Boy Who Loved Math: The Improbable Life of Paul Erdős. Heiligman, Deborah. Illus.

by LeUyen Pham. Roaring Brook
Readers will gain insight into the life of a genius in this colorful introductory biography of an brilliant unconventional mathematician.

Doll Bones. Black, Holly. Margaret K. McElderry

In a distinctive coming-of-age tale, three friends set out on a life-altering quest driven by the presence of a sinister china doll that haunts their dreams and waking hours. (A 2014 Newbery Honor Book)
work of a group of scientists dedicated to preventing the human tragedy caused by eruptions around the world.

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library.

Grabenstein, Chris. Random
After notorious gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello designs the town library, Kyle and 11 kids are locked inside overnight and won't be free until they solve a series of puzzles based on famous books. Quirky and fun.

Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table.

Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. Illus. by Eric-Shabazz Larkin. Readers to Eaters
Farmer Will Allen and his Genius Project to encourage people to grow food for their own table, are introduced in this lively and engaging tale.

Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated

Adventures. DiCamillo, Kate. Illus. by K. G. Campbell. Candlewick
In this homage to comic books, natural-born cynic Flora Belle Buckman and Ulysses, a flying, poetry-writing squirrel, join forces to overcome Ulysses' arch-nemesis, encountering a cast of quirky characters. (The 2014 Newbery Medal Book)

Gone Fishing: A Novel in Verse. Wissinger,

Tamera Will. Illus. by Matthew Cordell. Houghton
Laugh-out-loud verse and humorous line drawings capture an older brother's frustration and a little sister's exuberance when they spend the day fishing with dad.

How to Catch a Bogie. Jinks, Catherine. Illus.

by Sarah Watts. Harcourt
In rough Victorian England, 10-year-old Birdie proudly works as an apprentice to a bogie, luring out the scary monsters that are eating children. Fast-paced, lots of historical detail, and starring a resourceful young heroine.

Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me.

Beatty, Daniel. Illus. by Bryan Collier. Little Brown
Beatty conveys loss and hope through poignant text and illustrations as a boy struggles to understand the absence of his father and their daily game of "Knock, Knock." (The 2014 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Book)

Mister Orange. Matti, Truus. Illus. by Jenni

Desmond. Trans. by Laura Watkinson. Enchanted Lion
When his older brother enlists in 1943, Linus Muller assumes family responsibilities that

introduce him to "Mister Orange," Dutch painter Piet Mondrian. A coming of age story and a celebration of the power of art. (The 2014 Batchelder Award Book)

Older Readers

Darius & Twig. Myers, Walter Dean. Amistad
Two best friends make a pact to succeed as they struggle to escape their inner-city lives. Strong writing realizes vivid characters in this gritty novel. (A 2014 Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book)

Etiquette & Espionage. Carriger, Gail. Little, Brown
In this madcap, steampunk-mystery, Sophronia Temminnick learns that etiquette and espionage go hand-in-glove when she is covertly recruited from Mademoiselle Geraldine's Finishing Academy for Young Ladies of Quality. A paranormal mashup set in Victorian England.

Far Far Away. McNeal, Tom. Knopf
An insidious predator has been abducting innocent children. Jeremy, the only one who can hear narrator Jacob Grimm, must save himself and his friends with the storyteller's help.

The Living. de la Peña, Matt. Delacorte
In a thrilling survival story, Shy's summer job on a cruise ship becomes a fight for his life. This page-turner adventure also raises important cultural and sociological issues. (A 2014 Belpré Author Honor Book)

Navigating Early. Vanderpool, Clare. Delacorte
Sent to Morton Hill Academy after the death of his mother, Jack meets the unusual Early Auden. They set off on a quest that forces them to confront pirates, bears, doubt, loss and grief. (A 2014 Printz Honor Book)

One Came Home. Timberlake, Amy. Knopf

In 1871 Wisconsin, 13-year-old Georgie tries to solve the mystery of her sister's disappearance, pulling readers along on her journey of self-discovery. (A 2014 Newbery Honor Book)

Paperboy. Vawter, Vince. Delacorte
A sensitive and resilient 11-year-old boy who stutters, ventures beyond the familiar and finds his voice while taking over his best friend's paper route in the Memphis summer of 1959. (A 2014 Newbery Honor Book)

Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick You're A**. Medina, Meg. Candlewick
Piddy Sanchez's life is turned upside down when she finds out that Yaqui Delgado wants to kick her a**. While struggling to deal with the threat on her own, Piddy explores her identity, her culture, and the role of others in her life. A powerful story about bullying and resilience. (The 2014 Belpré Author Medal Book Award)