



8th Grade Summer Reading Response

Student Name: _____

Generate five engaging, open-ended discussion questions based on your chosen book.

- *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Sáenz
- *Maus I* by Art Spiegelman
- *Piecing Me Together* by Renée Watson

Your task is to illuminate the **big ideas** in the reading with the goal in mind of sharing your reactions with peers during the first weeks of school.

- **These should not be recall or reading comprehension questions; your questions should not lead to yes/no or single word/phrase answers.** Your answers should be well-developed.
- Usually the best discussion questions come from your own thoughts, feelings and concerns as you read. (**Why, how, what was the significance of, what was the author's intent** are some discussion question starters.)
- If any of your questions relate to a particular passage, make sure to **include the page number** at the end of your question.
- Consider how your chosen book helped you to better understand humanity (i.e., How do people/characters think, behave and interact? How do people/characters view the world? In what ways are these perspectives similar to or different from yours?)