



### **Summer Reading - Middle Division**

**Due on Monday, 7/25/22 to via Google Classroom (access information to be provided)**

In order to prepare for next year's English class, you must complete the summer reading assignment. In addition, reading and writing are essential components for new students arriving in the middle division. Below, students are provided with options to choose a book to read. The list of books is designed to give students a broader understanding of cultural, written, visual, and digital literacy. After completing a book of your choice, you have two options. Your first option is to create a 2-3 min visual book trailer summarizing the book. Your second option is to write a one-page summary of the book. If you choose to write a summary, you must follow the format, which is a 12-point Times New Roman font double spaced word document.

#### *A Girl Named Disaster* by Nancy Farmer

*A Girl Named Disaster* is a 1996 novel by Nancy Farmer. The book explores the qualities needed to survive in a hostile environment, coming of age, and the availability of spiritual guidance. In 1997, it won the Newbery Honor for the novel, landed on the American Library Association's list of Top Ten Books for Young Adults, and was a finalist for the National Book Award for Young People's Literature.

#### *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia

In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive

to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.

*Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson

It's late summer 1793, and the streets of Philadelphia are abuzz with mosquitoes and rumors of fever. Down near the docks, many have taken ill, and the fatalities are mounting. Now they include Polly, the serving girl at the Cook Coffeehouse. But fourteen-year-old Mattie Cook doesn't get a moment to mourn the passing of her childhood playmate. New customers have overrun her family's coffee shop, located far from the mosquito-infested river, and Mattie's concerns of fever are all but overshadowed by dreams of growing her family's small business into a thriving enterprise. But when the fever begins to strike closer to home, Mattie's struggle to build a new life must give way to a new fight—the fight to stay alive.

As you read the book, keep in mind the following questions as a guide to help with your summary.

- Who is the protagonist? Who is the antagonist?
- What is the setting of the story? Where is the story taking place?
- What is the protagonist trying to accomplish in the story?
- Who are some of the characters in the story? What role does each character play?
- What obstacles did the protagonist have to overcome?
- How has the protagonist's story developed throughout the book?
- What are some themes you took away from reading the story?