

## **8th Grade Summer Reading**

You are encouraged to read as much as possible this summer! Just because school is out of session doesn't mean you should stop reading! Your goal is to read at least 20 minutes a day. Your assignment is to read at least two books this summer and do some written reflection on what you've read. Remember, to really be prepared for 8th grade, you should be reading more than just two books this summer!

### **Book 1 – Read *The Miracle Worker* by William Gibson**

Tip: This is a great one to read aloud with family or friends.

-When you are finished reading, reflect for one page on the following question: How does this *play* tell the story of Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan differently than a *novel* would tell their story?

Check to make sure you did the following:

- Included a topic sentence that includes the author/title of the book.
- Paraphrased and analyzed specific details from the story that support the main idea.
- Used a transition and concluding sentence to review and restate the topic sentence in a new way.
- A concluding sentence.
- Used appropriate 8th grade writing skills including paragraph indentation, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, spelling, and mechanics and wrote in third person.

### **Book 2 – Read *A Wizard of Earthsea* by Ursula K. Le Guin**

-When you are finished, write a page on what you found fascinating in this book.

The goal is to be a personal and critical response to the novel. Think of the novel as a whole, and how you feel about it. Choose at least two different things to reflect on. Suggestions include: What did you learn? What did you notice about the story? The characters? The conflict? The theme/overall message? The time period in which it was set? What surprised you?

Possible Sentence Starters:

- I was surprised when/angry about/satisfied with/moved by at
- I liked the way the author
- I don't get why the author
- If I were the author I would have
- I'd compare this story/character/author/theme to
- This book reminds me of · The main character
- The resolution of the problem
- I wish that
- A theme of this book is
- I didn't agree with
- I couldn't understand
- Why did

**Completion of books and written work are due on the first day of school in August. Please turn in a printed hard copy on the first day of school.**