

Summer Reading – Upcoming 7th graders

Tangerine, by Edward Bloor

Lexile Level: 680L

AR Level: 4.3 grade equivalent

AR points: 13 points

Short Synopsis: Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football-hero brother, fights for his right to play soccer despite his near-blindness.

Directions: As you read the book, *Tangerine*, keep a journal and write a summary of each chapter. Each summary should include the main characters in the chapter, the setting and the plot. Be prepared to take an AR test on this book within the first couple of weeks of school. The AR test will be one of your first assessment grades in 7th grade. If you pass the AR test with a 70% or higher, *Tangerine* will count as your first AR book for the 1st nine weeks.

Directions: Write each answer using a WELL WRITTEN COMPLETE sentence. Please use evidence from the book to support your answers.

Questions:

1. Some might say that *Tangerine* is about appearances - that if things look good from the outside, then everything will be okay. What do you think about that idea? Where do you see it in the book?
2. Why does Erik behave as he does?
3. Would you like to live in Paul's community? Why or why not? What is strange about it?
4. Who would you rather have for a brother: Erik? Mike? Luis? Why?
5. What are your impressions of Paul's mother? How did she change by the end of the book?
6. Paul's mother calls Paul legally blind. Think about the idea of seeing things -- seeing past stereotypes and into people's hearts. How was Paul able to do this? What did he see?
7. How is Joey's experience at *Tangerine* Middle School different from Paul's? Why do you think that is?
8. Were you surprised when Luis died?
9. Would you have kept the paint incident from Paul if you were his parents? How do you think he felt?
10. Did Erik get the punishment he deserved? Why or why not?
11. Do you feel hopeful for Paul at the end of the book?
12. Is Paul a hero? Why or why not?
13. *Tangerine* is Edward Bloor's first novel. Would you read another by him? Why or why not?