

IB PREP SUMMER READING

2019-2020

SIXTH GRADE

THE MYSTERIOUS BENEDICT SOCIETY TRENTON LEE STEWART (Book 1)

"Are you a gifted child looking for special opportunities?" Dozens of children respond to this peculiar ad in the newspaper and are then put through a series of mind-bending tests, which readers take along with them. Only four children--two boys and two girls--succeed. Their challenge: to go on a secret mission that only the most intelligent and inventive children could complete. To accomplish it they will have to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. But what they'll find in the hidden underground tunnels of the school is more than your average school supplies. So, if you're gifted, creative, or happen to know Morse Code, they could probably use your help.

SEVENTH GRADE

THE THING ABOUT JELLYFISH ALI BENJAMIN

EVERYONE SAYS THAT IT WAS AN ACCIDENT... THAT SOMETIMES THINGS "JUST HAPPEN". BUT SUZY WON'T BELIEVE IT. EVER. AFTER HER BEST FRIEND DIES IN A DROWNING ACCIDENT, SUZY IS CONVINCED THAT THE TRUE CAUSE OF THE TRAGEDY WAS A RARE JELLYFISH STING. RETREATING INTO A SILENT WORLD OF IMAGINATION, SHE CRAFTS A PLAN TO PROVE HER THEORY--EVEN IF IT MEANS TRAVELING THE GLOBE, ALONE. SUZY'S ACHINGLY HEARTFELT JOURNEY EXPLORES LIFE, DEATH, THE ASTONISHING WONDER OF THE UNIVERSE...AND THE POTENTIAL FOR LOVE AND HOPE RIGHT NEXT DOOR.

EIGHTH GRADE

CHALLENGER DEEP NEAL SHUSTERMAN

Caden Bosch is on a ship that's headed for the deepest point on Earth: Challenger Deep, the southern part of the Marianas Trench. *Caden Bosch is a brilliant high school student whose friends are starting to notice his odd behavior.* Caden Bosch is designated the ship's artist in residence to document the journey with images. *Caden Bosch pretends to join the school track team but spends his days walking for miles, absorbed by the thoughts in his head.* Caden Bosch is split between his allegiance to the captain and the allure of mutiny. Caden Bosch is torn.

*All book descriptions taken from the Amazon page *Prepare for the possibility of being tested on the book their first week of school (hint hint)

Assignment: Read the assigned grade level book (your grade for the 2018-2019 school year) book & write reading responses for each book following the directions below.

Deadline: The reading responses will be due August 19, 2019 in your Language Arts class. It will be counted as an assessment grade.

Directions: Divide the books into three sections—beginning, middle, and end. For each section, select an important passage that best represents that particular section of the text. Write the passage including page numbers, (or percentages if an electronic version), and explain the passage. Each response should answer these questions : What is the importance of the passage? Why did you select that passage? Remember to share your thinking about the passage in your response, and NOT write a plot summary. Your response for each book should be at least a page long (typed, size 12 Arial font).

Possible passages to select from the book:

- Main character's personality
- Lesson / Theme of the book
- Author's Purpose
- Turning point in the conflict (climax)
- Writing Techniques (Figurative Language, Sensory Language, Symbolism etc.)

Remember you will have three passages and a response for each passage.

Title of Book:

- Beginning Section Passage with page number(s):
- Critical Response (Thinking about Passage):
- Middle Section Passage with page number(s):
- Critical Response (Thinking about Passage):
- End Section Passage with page number (s):
- Critical Response (Thinking about Passage):