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PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT LETTER!

June 30, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As this school year draws to a close, we are asking your support of our initiative to help your child keep up their reading skills over the summer.

Enclosed you will find the reading lists for Grades 7 & 8 and Grades 9-12. Students in grades 7-12 are required to read one book from their assigned list and complete the attached assignment. The list for AP Literature is included for Grade 12 AP students. **AP Students please note – you are required to select two readings from your list and complete the assignment for each reading.** The book lists will also be available in the North Collins Public Library. Teachers of 9-12 students have saved last year's reports; students must read and report on a different book this year.

You may purchase your child's book, or your child may apply for a library card and borrow the book from the Library. There is no charge for a library card, but if the student is under 18 years old, he/she must be accompanied by a parent to apply for the card. North Collins Public Library summer hours are: Monday 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.–8 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

If the North Collins Library has to send for the book your child chooses from another library, there will be a 25¢ charge. Save the receipt if you would like to be reimbursed by the school in the fall.

The summer reading assignment is also enclosed. **This assignment will count as 10% of your child's English grade for the first quarter of the school year.** The assignment is due on Friday, September 17, by the end of the school day. **There will be no class time from September 7-17 to spend on this assignment,** but students may stay after school to get help if it is needed. September 17 is the strict deadline for handing in this assignment; late work will result in a zero.

All Career and Technical (vocational) students are expected to complete the Summer Reading requirement. In the first semester of Social Studies, whether it is Economics or Participation in Government, 10% of the first quarter grade will be from the Summer Reading assignment.

We will need and are truly appreciative of your support of our summer reading program. Please call me at the High School Office with any questions. I will be in and working much of the summer, and would be happy to help.

Sincerely,

Annie R. Metcalf
Jr.-Sr. High School Principal

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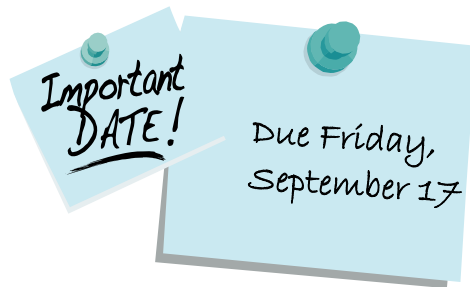
**North Collins Summer Reading Assessment
Grades 7 & 8 (Includes Honors)**

I verify that _____
completed his/her summer reading.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

This assignment is due on Friday, September 17, 2010. NO EXCEPTIONS!!



Directions: Answer questions one, two, three and four. Then, answer at least one question of your choice from questions five to seven. **Please use a separate sheet of paper to answer questions.

1. **(20 pts.)** Identify the book's title, author's name, copyright date, number of pages. Underline the title, or *italicize* all the words in the title.
2. **(25 pts.)** Cite a memorable passage of no more than thirty words, or three sentences from the book. **Copy word for word the short passage that you think is worth remembering.** Then, using a six-sentence paragraph, explain why you chose this passage and what it means to you.
3. **(30 pts.)** Overall, I give this book thumbs up, or thumbs down? (circle one)



Using a six-sentence paragraph, please explain why.

CHOOSE ONE (25 pts.)

4. Describe your first impression of one character or event that you find interesting. Give at least three items of information in the text that generate this impression.

5. Identify what causes a significant change in one character, and describe the results of that change. This change may be the consequence of a choice, a conflict of some kind that has to be resolved, a display of some outstanding trait like courage, or even the result of an action or event that occurs during the story. Use a six-sentence paragraph.

6. To highlight the significance of this book for you, read all the following questions below and then **write a response to at least one**, using a six-sentence paragraph.
 - *What discovery did you make as a result of reading this book?

 - *How has this book changed your thinking or feeling?

 - * How has the book affirmed or challenged your opinions or view of life?



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**North Collins Jr.-Sr. High School
2010 Summer Reading List
7th & 8th Grade - Choose One**

Title (by grade level)

Author

ISBN

A Long Way Gone	Ishmael Beah	
A Single Shard	Park, Linda Sue	0395978270
Al Capone Does My Shirts	Choldenko, Gennifer	0142403709
Alligator Bayou	Donna Jo Napoli	
Anila's Journey	Mary Finn	
Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl	Frank, Anne (edited by Mirjam Pressler)	
Armageddon Summer	Yolen, Jane	0152017674
Artemis Fowl	Colfer, Eoin	0786808012
Blind Side, The	Michael Lewis	
Book Thief, The	Markus Zusak	
Chains	Laurie Halse Anderson	
Chu Ju's House	Whelan, Gloria	0060507241
Dark Side of Nowhere, The	Shusterman, Neal	0812568788
Glass Castle, The	Jeanette Walls	
Homeless Bird	Whelan, Gloria	0060284544
Hunger Games, The	Suzanne Collins	
Jellicoe Road	Melina Marchetta	
Lightning Thief, The	Rick Riordan	
Lost Years of Merlin, The	Barron, Thomas A.	044100668X
Maximum Ride (any book in the series)	James Patterson	
Old Yeller	Gipson, Fred	0060115459
Prince and the Pauper	Twain, Mark	0195101383
Princess Diaries Series, The	Cabot, Meg	0380978482
Ruins of Gorlan (Ranger's Apprentice Series)	Flanagan, John	0142406635
Rules of the Road	Bauer, Joan	0698118286
Running Out of Time	Peterson, Margaret	0689800843
Skellig	Almond, David	0440229081
Stargirl	Spinelli, Jerry	037582233X
Star of Kazan, The	Ibbotson, Eva	
Stuck in Neutral	Trueman, Terry	0064472132
Swords for Hire	Allen, Will	972488200
Tangerine	Bloor, Edward	0152057803
Things Not Seen	Clements, Andrew	0399236260
The Thirteenth Tale	Diane Setterfield	
Time Stops for No Mouse	Hoeye, Michael	698119916
Treasure Island	Stevenson, Robert Louis	0684171600
When Zachary Beaver Came to Town	Holt, Kimberly Willis	0440229049
Winterdance	Paulsen, Gary	0151262276
Wreckers, The	Lawrence, Iain	0440415454