

****- New Revision- Due to the lack of copies of Cavalcade of Poetry, please delete the assignment that coincides with that book. If you have already completed it, I cannot wait to see your creative work!!!

8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to 8th grade! I hope you have had a fun and restful summer. Your summer reading will be The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne and a portion of Cavalcade of Poems by George Bennett and Paul Malloy. Along with reading the books, I will be asking you to do two assignments. I truly hope you start reading early so that you will have time to grasp the emotions in the books and enjoy them.

1. You will write a paper comparing your life as a child in the United States to the life of either Bruno or Schmel. Come up with 3 strong differences you would like to discuss in your paper. Your paper should have an introductory paragraph, your three paragraphs stating the differences that are developed appropriately and a concluding paragraph. I will need you to be very specific about examples from the book so that I know you have grasped the main idea. Your paper should only be one typed page. Be sure to proofread before submitting it. There will be quiz over this book, so I advise you to read the book and not rely on just watching the movie that is a little different from the book.

**Bonus-(optional, but worth 5 extra bonus points)- On a 3x5 index card, write one scripture from the Bible that could help your character with his/her problem. Put your name in the top left-hand corner.*

2. You will read only a portion of Cavalcade of Poems. I will give a list of very specific things that you should read and complete throughout the book. **When I assign a poem below, please read each poem at least twice to get the true meaning.** Most of this assignment will be exercises that you will **write in the book**. Read carefully and follow the directions below:

- a. Read all the of the poems from pages 1-9.
- b. Read "River Skater." You are required to draw and decorate the whole page of this poem in the book to show the main idea. Use color and make it reflect the

poems words.

- c. Read “The Listeners” and write at least a two sentence summary in the space after the poem.
- d. Read the poem “The Burial of Sir John Moore at Corunna.” Using a highlighter, highlight four examples of imagery. If you do not remember the definition of imagery, look it up online.
- e. Read the poem “Daffodils.” On a sticky note, list these three things: who you think is the narrator (who you think is reciting this poem or what kind of person would be saying this), the setting and the mood.
- f. For this exercise you will read two poems and compare them. Read “An Epitaph” and “Annabel Lee.” On the inside cover in the back of your book draw a Venn diagram comparing the two poems. You must list three items in each category on your diagram.
- g. Read the poem “The Wayfarer.” You are required to draw and decorate the whole page of this poem in the book to show the main idea. Use color and make it reflect the poems words.
- h. Read “Boy at the Window.” Using a highlighter, mark all of the action verbs you hear in this poem.

These two assignments will be due Monday, August 21st. Notice this is NOT the first day of school. I do encourage you to start reading right away so that you enjoy the books and are not pressed for time at the beginning of school.

Have a great summer and I will look forward to seeing sweet familiar faces along with some new faces at the beginning of school!!!!!!

Happy Reading,
Mrs. Wolfgang