

ACCS

Middle School and High School

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

FREE-WRITE PACKET INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

The Summer Reading Challenge is **optional!** The purpose of the Summer Reading Challenge is to **motivate** students to read.

Students who wish to participate should

- WANT to read during the summer,
- WANT to earn a BONUS 100 TEST GRADE,
- WANT to complete the FREE-WRITE journal-entry packet (5 journal entries covering the beginning, middle, and end of the book),
- WANT to follow ALL instructions on the FREE-WRITE packet, and
- WANT to challenge themselves!

To receive the BONUS 100 Test Grade, participants must do the following:

1. read a book on the Summer Reading Challenge Book List,
2. print the Free-Write Packet and use pencil to fill it in (do not type responses),
3. complete FIVE JOURNAL ENTRIES consisting of personal responses (not summaries) on the FREE-WRITE packet (the five journal entries must show that you read the entire book by covering chapters near the beginning, middle, and end),
4. follow ALL instructions on the back of this sheet,
5. meet the length requirement for each journal entry (5-10 sentences per journal entry),
6. meet the due date, and
7. turn in original work (not plagiarized work copied from the internet, another student, artificial intelligence, or any other source!)

The due date for the completed FREE-WRITE is the Friday of the second week of school.

No partial credit will be given. (There will be no 90s, 80s, 70s, etc. If the Free-Write packet meets ALL requirements on the instruction sheet, the reward will be a 100 BONUS TEST GRADE; otherwise, no BONUS TEST GRADE will be earned.)

Students will not be allowed to participate or to turn in work after the due date.
There will be no exceptions since this is an optional bonus.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD PRINT and READ THIS INFORMATION SHEET!!!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FREE-WRITE PACKET

- PRINT THIS INSTRUCTIONS sheet and write your name on it.
- Print the FREE-WRITE PACKET packet and write your name on it.
- Use pencil to complete the FREE-WRITE PACKET.
- Write the title of your book in the space provided.
- Write the name of the author in the space provided.
- Write the total number of chapters in the book in the space provided.
- For each of the FIVE journal entries, write the chapter number in the space provided. (If there is no chapter number, tell what pages you are responding to in the journal entry itself.)

- For each of the FIVE journal entries, write a **5-10 SENTENCE PERSONAL RESPONSE** on the blank lines. **DO NOT SUMMARIZE THE CHAPTER!!!** If you summarize the chapter, you cannot receive credit! Instead, discuss your **personal reactions** to what you are reading. Here are some ideas for what you could write about in your journal entry:

- * Explain what you think.
- * Explain what you feel.
- * Explain what you realize, notice, or understand.
- * Explain what you appreciate or enjoy in terms of the actual events or characters.
- * Explain what you appreciate or enjoy about the wording or style.
- * Explain what you think is beautiful, touching, sad, meaningful, or impressive in some way.
- * Explain what you like or dislike.
- * Explain how you would have felt if you were the person in the book.
- * Explain what you don't understand.
- * Explain what a passage makes you remember.
- * Explain what a passage makes you wonder about or question.
- * Evaluate or judge certain parts.
- * Relate what you are reading to your personal life.

To receive credit, you must explain your personal reactions: you cannot receive a BONUS 100 TEST GRADE if you summarize the plot.

- Do not plagiarize. Do not look on the internet. Do not copy someone else's analysis, commentary, or personal reactions. Do not use AI (artificial intelligence). To receive a grade, you must explain your personal reactions to what you are reading (NOT someone else's!)

- Journal entries must cover the beginning, middle, and end of the book!!!

JOURNAL ENTRY 3 from Chapter Number _____

Multiple horizontal lines provided for writing the journal entry.

