

## **Mabry Middle School Grade 8 Summer Reading 2005**

Improving reading and writing are important goals at Mabry. Research has shown that the amount and quality of student reading and writing is a major factor in student success. Georgia and Cobb County mandates require all Middle School students to read at least 25 books for 2005-2006. The 3 books you read this summer will count as part of this requirement. Written work will be collected during the first week of school in August. Writing pieces should be neat, easily legible (you may write in cursive or use word processing), and stapled together. Be sure to put your name on your work.

1. The Pearl (7.1) by John Steinbeck is required reading for everyone. Complete the journal assignment and be prepared to intelligently discuss the book in your language arts class. You will take the AR test for this book after class discussion is completed.
2. Choose one book from the nonfiction list. Complete the nonfiction book assessment for the book you read.
3. Choose one book from the fiction list. Complete the plot timeline for the book. Be sure to include events that reflect the beginning action (exposition), events that lead to the climax (rising action), the turning point in the story (climax), events that lead to the resolution (falling action), and the ending action (denouement). Your timeline should have at least 10 events. You will take the AR test for this book also.
4. Complete the Reading Log for your 3 books.

## NONFICTION CHOICES

<u>Before the Storm: American Indians Before the Europeans</u> by Allison Lassieur	AR 6.1
<u>Energy, Forces and Motion</u> by Alistair Smith	AR 7.2
<u>Force and Motion</u> by Peter Lafferty	AR 7.8
<u>The Forgotten Storm: the Great Tri-State Tornado of 1925</u> by Wallace E. Akin	AR 8.7
<u>Gettysburg</u> by MacKinlay Kantor	AR 7.4
<u>Rocks, Gems, and Minerals</u> by Trudi Strain Trueit	AR 8.0

## FICTION CHOICES

<u>Crossing the Panther's Path</u> by Elizabeth Alder	AR 6.1
<u>Deathwatch</u> by Robb White	AR 6.0
<u>Double Dutch</u> by Sharon M. Draper	AR 4.9
<u>Forbidden Forest: the Story of Little John and Robin Hood</u> by Michael Cadnum	AR 6.8
<u>Guerrilla Season</u> by Pat Hughes	AR 3.8
<u>Hickory, Dickory, Dock</u> by Agatha Christie	AR 6.7
<u>Of Human Bondage</u> by Somerset Maugham	AR 8.3
<u>Room in the Heart</u> by Sonia Levitin	AR 4.4
<u>A Separate Peace</u> by John Knowles	AR 6.9
<u>The Wayfinder</u> by Darcy Pattison	AR 5.2

## **JOURNAL WRITING FOR The Pearl**

1. **Keep a vocabulary log.** Include new or interesting vocabulary you find in the book. A vocabulary entry should include the word, a short definition, the page number on which the word is found, and the sentence in which the word is found. You should have a minimum of 15 vocabulary words.

Sample vocabulary entry:

<b>Word</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Page #</b>	<b>Sentence</b>
incomplete	not finished	45	It is not acceptable to hand in incomplete work assignments.

2. **Select important quotes.** Choose 2 quotes from the book that impact your life. Give the quote, the page number on which the quote is found, and a 3-sentence explanation of why the quote affects what you think, say, or do.
3. **Think like the author.** Write 3 important, meaningful messages you think the author is giving through this book.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## NONFICTION BOOK ASSESSMENT

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Date of publication (or copyright date) \_\_\_\_\_

Check each component found in the book you selected.

Table of contents \_\_\_\_\_

Index \_\_\_\_\_

Glossary \_\_\_\_\_

Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_

Pictures/photos \_\_\_\_\_

Diagrams \_\_\_\_\_

List 3 vocabulary words from the book that are unique to the topic of the book. Include the sentence from the book in which the word is found and the page number.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you think this book would be a good resource for research on the topic? Explain your answer.

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What was the most interesting fact you read in the book?

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Write a one-sentence summary of the content in the book.

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