

6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Literature Summer Reading 2020

Dear Parents,

Below you will find a list of books for the Junior High Summer Reading program. Descriptions of the projects that go with each book are listed beneath the book list.

### **6th Grade**

- *My Life in Dog Years* by Gary Paulsen
- *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli
- *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary Schmidt

### **8th Grade**

- Choose one of the following: *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card or *The Scorpio Races* by Maggie Stiefvater
- Choose one of the following non-fiction books by Steve Sheinkin: *The Port Chicago 50* or *Lincoln's Grave Robbers*
- *Anne Frank The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank

### **Project Descriptions:**

## Summer Reading Sixth Grade

All projects are due on the first day of school. All written elements must be typed in **Times New Roman 12 pt. font and double-spaced.**

### **Maniac Magee**

By Jerry Spinelli

Answer these questions in complete sentences using proper paragraph form. A paragraph is 5-8 sentences long.

1. Maniac is always running. In the beginning of the story he runs away from his aunt and uncle. There are three other times he runs away in the story. Discuss these times. Also discuss what you think makes Maniac run. Include examples and events from the book that support your opinion.
2. In a separate paragraph describe a difficult experience or event in your own life that made you want to run away. Explain how you dealt with that experience.

### **My Life in Dog Years**

By Gary Paulsen

Select two of Gary Paulsen's dogs. Fill out a Venn diagram as an organizing tool. Each circle should have a least 5 details about the dogs with 3 in the common area. A printable Venn diagram can be found at the end of this document. AFTER SCHOOL BEGINS we will use these to write a compare/contrast essay.

### **The Wednesday Wars**

by Gary Schmidt

Complete the BOOK MOSAIC project on a **half sheet** of poster board (11x14 in.) Points will be deducted for students who do the project on a full sheet of poster board. All tiles and illustrations should be colored. You

may not use the same photo or quote more than once on your poster. A printable example can be found at the end of this document.

## Summer Reading Eighth Grade

All projects are due on the first day of school. All written elements must be typed in Times New Roman 12 pt. font and double-spaced. Written projects may be emailed to [echeek@ckschool.com](mailto:echeek@ckschool.com)

### **Choose one of the following: *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card or *The Scorpio Races* by Maggie Stiefvater**

Project: Choose one of the lead characters from your book and make a music playlist of 10 songs for them. You should choose songs for the playlist that reflect what the character is experiencing as the book progresses. For each song you choose, be sure to include an explanation IN COMPLETE SENTENCES of why that song is appropriate for the character.

### **Choose one of the following non-fiction books by Steve Sheinkin: *The Port Chicago 50* or *Lincoln's Grave Robbers***

Project: Create an alphabet book in which each letter of the alphabet represents a significant, person, event, setting, or symbol from the book you read. Each letter of the alphabet will include an illustration and a brief description (at least three sentences that explain how that item is significant).

Guidelines: The alphabet book should include the following:

- writing that is typed or IMPECCABLY written in INK
- a brief description of the item chosen for each letter
- descriptions written in complete sentences using proper grammar
- an illustration of some type for each entry (these can be hand drawn, cut out of a magazine, or printed from the computer)
- a book cover
- a title
- the author's name listed on the front of the book

In addition, the ABC Book will be graded on Ideas and Conventions

- Do all of your descriptions make sense.
- Do all of your descriptions and illustrations adhere to your chosen theme?
- Did you include interesting details?
- Did you correctly use conventions (correct grammar, punctuation, spelling, etc.)

### **Anne Frank books**

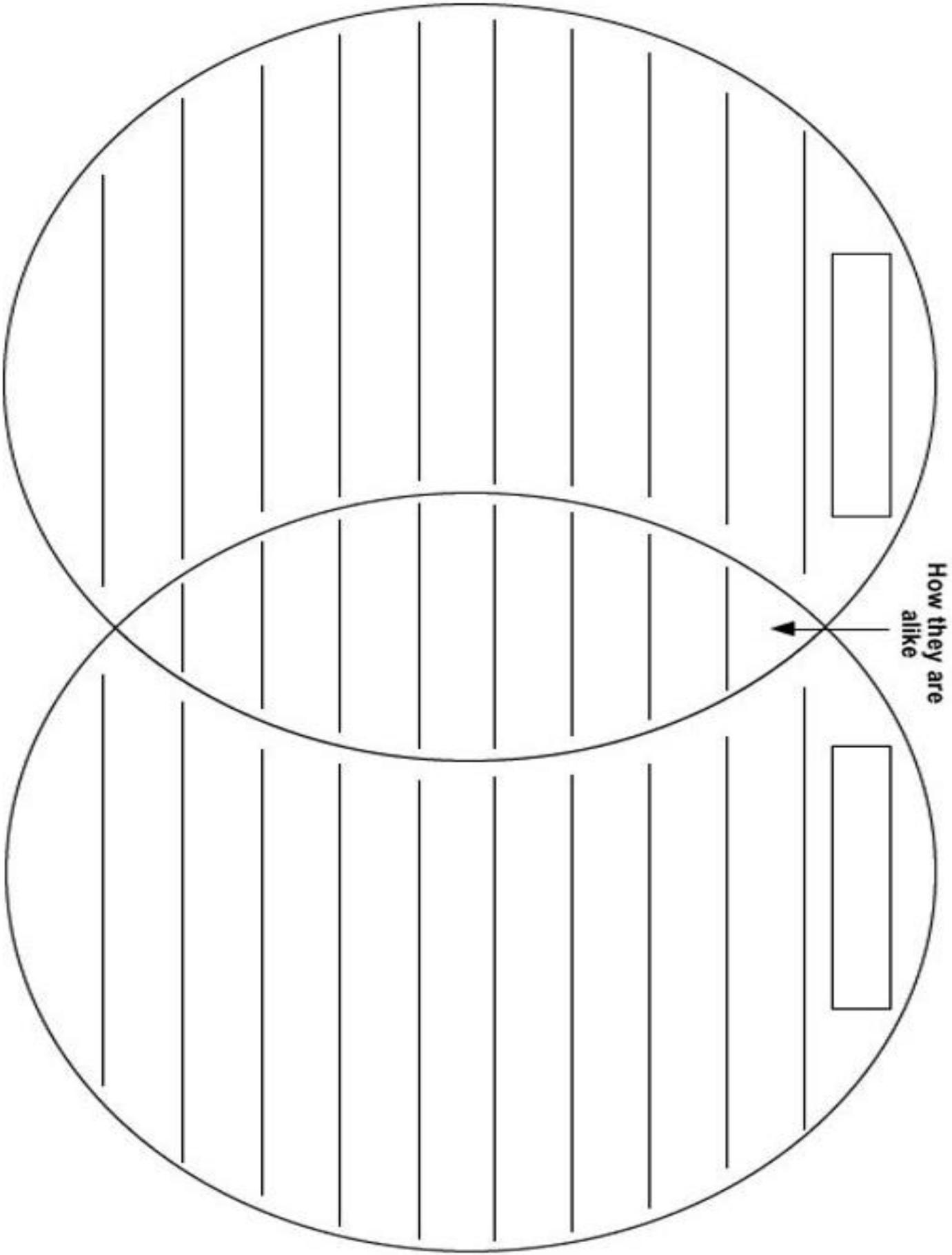
Be prepared to discuss and write about the book you chose to read about Anne Frank.

# Book Mosaic

You are going to create a mosaic of ideas, quotes, thoughts, etc. about your book. Your mosaic will contain at least 24 tiles.

Label all of the tiles. Please put the tiles IN THE ORDER SHOWN. Pictures can be printed or drawn.

Title of the book	Picture of main character	Picture of setting	Vocabulary word Include a definition.
Picture of author	Your choice	Quote Include who said it.	Picture of something important to main character
Quote Include who said it.	Vocabulary word Include a definition.	A significant event	Statement of conflict
Statement of conflict	Picture of something important to main character	Picture of setting	Quote Include who said it.
Best friend	Quote Include who said it.	If you liked this book read one of these.	Vocabulary word Include a definition.
Picture of setting	Statement of theme What are the BIG IDEAS of this book?	Quote Include who said it.	Picture of main character



How they are alike