

The Petrides School

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Incoming 5th Grade

Summer Reading Assignment

Due: Friday, October 3, 2025

Required Reading: *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

Summer Reading Assignment Rubric

1- Far below Standards	2- Approaches Standards	3- Meets Standards	4- Exceeds Standards
Demonstrates little understanding of the text with very little detail.	Demonstrates a literal explanation of the text. There are no inferences being made.	Explanations show some analysis of the text. There are literal and inferential details.	Explanations show deeper thinking. Analysis is insightful and grounded in solid reasoning. Reactions and comments are varied.
Demonstrates an attempt to use some textual evidence, but may be invalid or irrelevant.	Some responses contain relevant textual evidence.	Most responses contain relevant textual evidence.	Each response contains relevant textual evidence. Details and information from the reading are often referred to.
Includes 6 or fewer quotes that exhibit little understanding of the text.	Includes 7-10 quotes that exhibit a good understanding of the text.	Includes 10 strong quotes that exhibit a good understanding of the text.	Includes more than 10 strong quotes that exhibit a solid understanding of the text. Goes above and beyond the requirements of the project.
Demonstrates imprecise or below grade level vocabulary.	Uses some grade appropriate vocabulary.	Uses grade appropriate vocabulary.	Uses above grade-level vocabulary & sophisticated language.
Demonstrates a lack of command of conventions, with frequent errors that hinder comprehension.	Demonstrates emerging command of conventions, with some errors that may hinder comprehension.	Demonstrates grade-appropriate command of conventions, with occasional errors that do not hinder comprehension.	Demonstrates grade-appropriate command of conventions, with few errors.

Summer Reading Assignment Sample

<u>Pg #</u>	<u>Quotation:</u> (Quote directly from the book)	<u>Analysis:</u> (What strikes you about this? What was your first thought when you read this? What does this passage/idea make you think of or remember? Does something confuse you or lead to further questions? How do you feel about this? What questions do you have?)
EXAMPLE	<u>EXAMPLE:</u>	<u>EXAMPLE:</u>
Pg. 5	"And just like that, Maniac was an orphan. He was three years old"	Wow! This book started off with a bang! I can't believe that Maniac's parents were in a trolley crash. I wonder where he is going to live? I feel terrible that a 3 year old was left alone. I think that the loss of his parents will shape the way Maniac acts throughout the course of this novel.
Pg. 10:	"But Amanda Beale was friendly. So she stopped and said "Hi" back."	I can infer that Amanda and Maniac are going to be friends. Amanda was curious about Maniac and how he ended up in the East End with a suitcase. I think that Amanda will show Maniac around town and introduce him to others. If I was Amanda, I would also make a new kid in my town feel comfortable and welcome.

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Directions: Fill in the following boxes with quotes from the book and inferences from your thinking.

Step 1: While reading, find quotes that stand out to you as being important. Use the analysis questions to help guide your thinking and choice of quotes.

Step 2: When you find an important quote, stop, write down the page number and the direct quote that you want to analyze in Columns 1 and 2 in the graphic organizer.

Step 3: You should answer at least one or two of the analysis questions in the 3rd column to explain why you chose this quote. Include thoughtful comments, questions, connections, reactions, inferences, predictions, etc.

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