

8th Grade Language Arts Required Reading and Writing Assignment

This summer should be filled with relaxation, sharing time with your family and friends, and refueling for your final year in middle school... one great way to relax and refuel is to read great books! Students are required to read *at least* two books: at least one book from the below list and one book of your own selection. Honors students are required to read *at least* four books: two books from this list and two books of their own selection. Students can also opt to select all their books from the provided list. Choose books that you and your parents feel are appropriate to read and are a “just right match” for you as a reader. Books with an asterisk (*) next to the title have been previewed and approved by the district. These books can be provided by the school for summer reading enjoyment. Other titles may be acquired through your local library or local book store, including the Barnes & Noble Book Fair.

Wringer by Jerry Spinelli

A Year Down Yonder by Robert Peck

I Funny: A Middle School Story by James Patterson

* The Bomb by Theodore Taylor

* Matched by Ally Condie

* Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

* City of Beasts by Isabel Allende

* Within Reach: My Everest Story by M. Pfetzer & J. Galvin

* Witch Child by Celia Rees

* And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

* The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William
Kamkwamba

* Fever 1793 Laurie Halse Anderson

Divergent by Veronica Roth

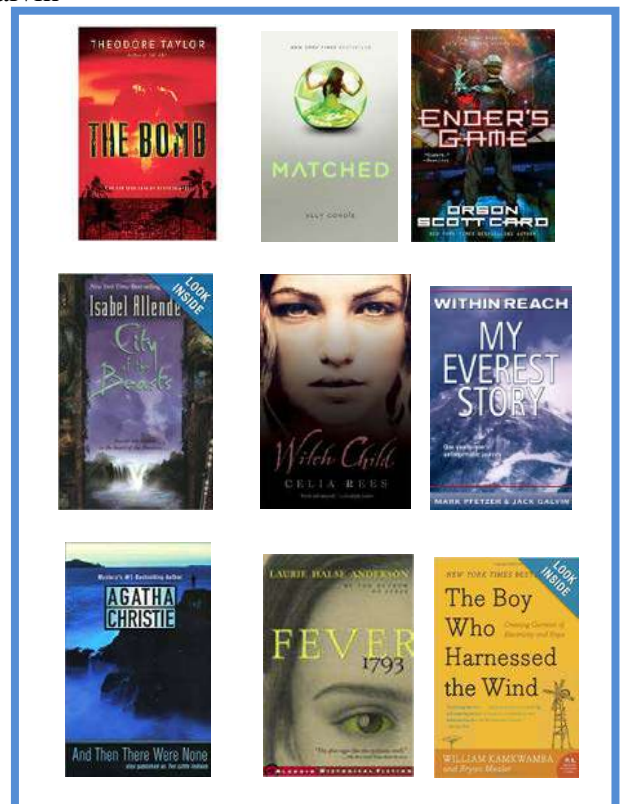
Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game by Michael Lewis

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by
Ransom Riggs

BOOKS OUR SCHOOL WILL SUPPLY:



Students entering 8th grade at Readington Middle School should have received their selected book(s) at the end of the school year, if school supplied, from their 7th grade reading teacher. If a student did not receive their school supplied novel, a book may be picked up at the RMS front office. (Please call ahead to confirm pick up: 908-534-2113) These books are to be returned at the beginning of the 2014-2015 academic school year to the 8th grade language arts teacher. Work should be completed by September 4th and can be e-mailed to your teacher or brought with you on the first day of school. Students will be using their summer reading responses in the first week of study.

1. Pilots keep a log of how many hours they have flown. Baseball players keep stats on how many hits they get and runs they score. Actors keep records of their starring roles. It's only natural, then, that readers keep a list of what they're reading. Use the Reading Record to track your reading this summer. Rate each title with a 1 – 5 star rating, with 1 being poor and 5 being terrific, add a comment, and write the date that you began and finished your book. Bring your reading record sheet to school with you on September 4th or e-mail it ahead of time.
2. Please purchase your Reader's Notebook to complete journal entries for your books. Write a journal entry after you have read about two to three chapters. Write a second entry when you reach the middle of your book, and a final entry when you finish the book. Record three, one-page entries for each book read on page 3, 4, and 5 of the readers workshop marble note book. Each student will also need a 1/2" 3-ring clear-view binder with a set of five dividers for handouts



Possible journal entry starters:

"So far this book is making me think..."

"I was thinking this...but now I am thinking this..."

"Now that I finished this book, I think..."

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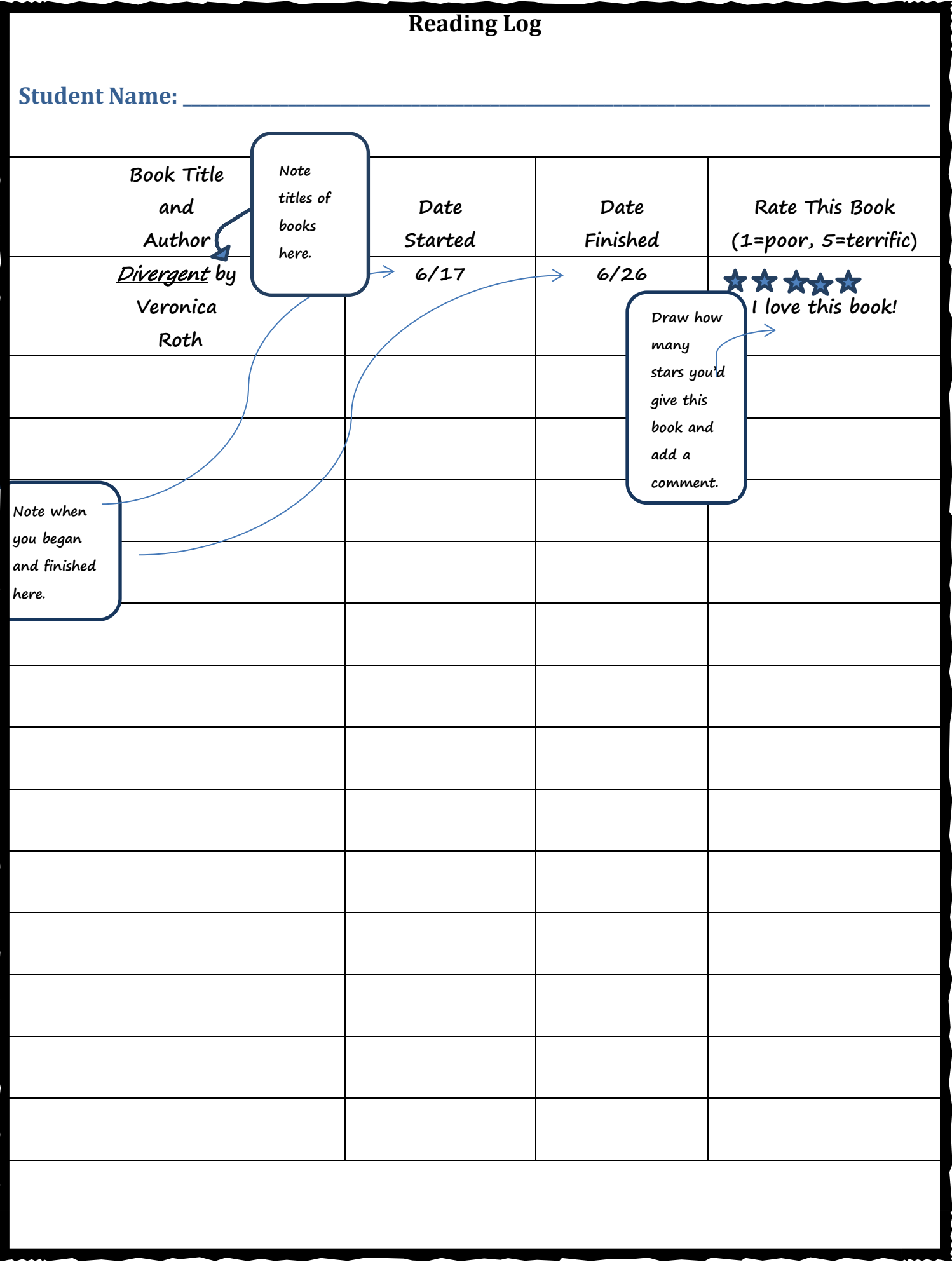
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