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“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island...and best of all, you can enjoy these riches every day of your life.” –Walt Disney

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Dear Parents:

Attached please find the Wynn Middle School **seventh grade** summer reading list and character analysis template. Summer reading in the Tewksbury School System is mandatory and teachers will expect each student to read **one** book over the summer. The list is comprised of books that are appropriate for your child’s age, grade level, and curriculum. Books should be available at the town library as well as local bookstores.

The character analysis templates will be due upon return to school in late August. The final date for passing in reports will be **Tuesday, September 5, 2017**. The assignment your child completes will be used in class to write an essay. This essay will be the first grade in this subject for the school year.

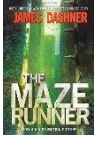
The ability to read is crucial to an individual’s success in school and on the job. Reading is a life-long skill that opens doors and experiences to children. The English Department recommends you help your child discover books of interest, as avid readers make skilled writers and critical thinkers. We would like to say thank you in advance for your support of this program. Remember, **one** book by **September 5th**. Your child’s teachers look forward to discussing the adventures experienced through reading upon return to school. Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

John Weir
Wynn Middle School Principal

Teachers of the
English Language Arts Department

Please choose one book from the following list. Any book from the series is acceptable.



The Maze Runner by James Dashner

Thomas, a teenage boy, is trapped in a maze with no memories. He must work with other boys to solve the mystery of the maze before time runs out, and they meet a terrible fate.



Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

In this futuristic tale, Katniss Everdeen lives in a society that forces its districts to send two young people to compete for their lives in a televised game. This story of her struggle to survive is full of action and suspense.



Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix

This science fiction tale is the first book in *The Missing* series. Jonah is an adolescent boy who always knew he was adopted. Then he and his new friend, Chip, who's also adopted, begin receiving mysterious letters that tell them they are “one of the missing.” The children become involved in a mystery that involves the FBI, a complicated smuggling operation, and people who can appear and disappear when they choose.



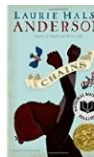
Maximum Ride by James Patterson

This is a story of a group of children who possess wings and can fly. Maximum Ride looks out for the rest of her “flock,” and protects them from the “Erasers,” a group of assassins ordered to kill the flock so the world will never find out about their existence.



The Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

This is a futuristic tale about a society that views its youth as ugly until they turn sixteen and undergo an operation that makes them “pretty.” Tally Youngblood has looked forward to becoming a “pretty” throughout her entire ugly childhood, but her world is turned upside down when she meets Shay, another ugly that dares to question the system. Now Tally is forced to make a difficult decision that will not only impact the rest of her life, but the lives of her new friends as well.



Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

This historical fiction novel tells the story of Isabel, a young girl living as a slave in New York during the Revolutionary War. Her quest to gain freedom leads her to become a spy for the Patriots.



Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two by

Joseph Bruchac

The Navajo code talkers sent messages using their native language to create an unbreakable code during the war with Japan. This novel tells the story of one Navajo boy's inspiring journey as he overcomes many obstacles and saves many American lives in the process.

Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

Author: _____

Title: _____

I Main Character/Protagonist

A. Another name for the main character of a novel is the **protagonist**. The **protagonist** of the novel is _____.

B. **Character traits** are qualities that can be used to describe a character's personality. A list of character traits has been provided to help you. List three character traits of the protagonist of the novel.

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

II Character Traits of the Protagonist

A. Write the corresponding trait from above after each number. Then find a quote from the novel that shows or proves that the character possesses that trait and write in the space provided. Include the page number in the parentheses. *Remember that a quote consists of the exact words of the author. It can include description, words the character speaks, thoughts of the character, actions performed by the character, and words other characters say about the character.*

1) _____ (Character Trait)

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2) _____ (Character Trait)

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3) _____ (Character Trait)

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III Conflict

A. What is the problem or conflict that the protagonist faces?

B. How is the conflict resolved?

C. Think about the character traits you chose to describe the protagonist on the previous page. Explain how these traits affect how the conflict is resolved.

1) _____ (Character Trait)

2) _____ (Character Trait)

3) _____ (Character Trait)

Sample Character Traits

You may choose words from this list to describe the protagonist of the novel, or provide your own word that identifies a quality of the character's personality.

able	dependable	ignorant	responsible
active	depressed	imaginative	resourceful
adventurous	determined	impatient	restless
affectionate	discouraged	impolite	rough
afraid	dishonest	inconsiderate	rowdy
alert	disrespectful	independent	rude
ambitious	doubtful	industrious	satisfied
angry	dull	innocent	scared
annoyed	dutiful	intelligent	secretive
anxious	eager	jealous	selfish
apologetic	easygoing	kind	sensitive
arrogant	efficient	lazy	serious
attentive	embarrassed	lively	sharp
average	encouraging	lonely	shy
bold	energetic	loving	silly
bossy	evil	loyal	skillful
brainy	excited	lucky	sly
brave	fair	mature	smart
bright	faithful	mean	sneaky
brilliant	fearless	messy	spoiled
busy	fierce	miserable	stingy
calm	foolish	mysterious	strange
careful	fortunate	naughty	strict
careless	friendly	nervous	stubborn
cautious	frustrated	nice	sweet
charming	funny	noisy	talented
cheerful	gentle	obedient	thankful
childish	giving	obnoxious	thoughtful
clever	glamorous	optimistic	thoughtless
clumsy	gloomy	peaceful	tired
concerned	graceful	pessimistic	tolerant
confident	grateful	picky	trusting
confused	greedy	pleasant	trustworthy
considerate	grouchy	polite	unfriendly
cooperative	grumpy	popular	unhappy
courageous	harsh	positive	upset
cowardly	hateful	precise	useful
cruel	healthy	proper	weak
curious	helpful	proud	wise

dangerous daring decisive demanding	honest hopeful hopeless humorous	quick quiet rational reliable religious	worried
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