

Grade 6 to 7

Read Both:

City of Embers by Jeanne DuPrau
Tangerine by Bloor

SUMMER READING
EMS



Grade 7 to 8

Read both:

Among the Hidden by M. Haddix
And
Schooled by Korman

This summer, you will be reading **two selections** and keeping a reader response journal. **Before you begin reading, you must begin your journaling activity with the following four questions:**

1. Based on the title, what do you think each book will be about?
2. What do you think the cover art reveals about each book?
3. Where and when do you think each book takes place?
4. What two questions do you have before you even begin reading these titles?

Make sure to write your responses to these questions in your journal. You may decorate your journal to reflect your personality or interests. You may buy any type of notebook to use as a journal, as long as it will have enough pages for ten journal entries and forty questions in total.

Now you are ready to begin working with your first selection. First, divide your book into four equal sections. You will be writing a response in your reader response journal after each of the four sections.

Before you begin reading the first section, you must create four questions that you will answer after your reading. You may use the boxed ideas to help you develop your questions.

1. What would happen if the setting for the book was changed?
2. Identify the main problem facing the characters.
3. Describe the relationship between two of the main characters.
4. What actions would you take to move the plot forward?
5. Discuss the pros and cons of a decision made by a character in the story.
6. Why do you think the author chose this specific setting or character to advance the plot?
7. Predict the outcome if _____ (you fill in the rest of the question.)
8. Compare and/or contrast the main characters in the two books.
9. What choice would you have made if you were the main character?
10. How do the minor characters influence the main character?
11. Based upon what happened in this section, what do you predict will happen in the next section?

After you have created your questions, you are ready to begin reading the first section. After you finish reading, answer your four questions thoughtfully, providing specific details from the book.

Follow the same instructions for the next three sections of your book.

After you have completed the previous instructions for the first book, you will be ready to begin your second selection with the same set of questions you answered for your first reading.

When you return to school in September, you will be required to have a total of ten journal entries, 40 questions. They will be due Friday, September 10, 2010. The journals will be used as a basis for your first writing assignment in Language Arts and opening discussions in Reading/Literature. Enjoy the selections!