

## **2008 Summer Reading Form I**

### **All-Form Book**

Schmidt, Gary D.

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy

Turner Buckminster is forced to move from Boston, Massachusetts to Phippsburg, Maine. Turner is sure there is nothing good about Phippsburg until he meets Lizzie Bright from the forbidden Malaga Island. As Turner tries to help Lizzie and the people of Malaga, he will have to go against the whole town and pay the ultimate price.

Chloe Gulati

### **Mystery/Suspense**

Abrahams, Peter

Down the Rabbit Hole

When Ingrid Levin-Hill finds herself in the house of Cracked-up-Katie, she feels something is wrong. A few days later, Kate is murdered. After sneaking out to Katie's house to get her favorite red Pumas, this Sherlock Holmes fanatic must find out what truly happened to Katie. Ingrid soon finds that she and Katie are very alike.

Athena Petredis

Allande, Isabel

The Kingdom of the Golden Dragon

In the peaceful Kingdom of the Golden Dragon, all is going well until a plot to steal the country's treasure is unveiled. With the king in grave danger, Nadia Santos and Alexander Cold must band together with Tensing and his student, the heir to the throne, Dil Bahadur to maintain the peaceful state.

Shivum Bharill

Christie, Agatha  
Hickory, Dickory, Dock

At a hotel in England, odd things have been disappearing. Then a murder occurs. Then another murder occurs. Inspector Hercule Poirot uncovers a twisted motive for the crimes, which involve love and jealousy among other things.

Mike Pohl

Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan  
The Hound of the Baskervilles

The Baskerville family has been cursed with a mysterious hound for years. This hound preys on unwary Baskervilles and brings their death. After Sir Charles Baskerville's demise, Sir Henry has inherited Baskerville Hall. Sir Henry calls for help, and now it is up to Sherlock Holmes and Watson to solve the mystery and save Sir Henry from Sir Charles' fate.

Hibiki Sakai

Stewart, Trenton Lee  
The Mysterious Benedict Society

Four orphan children are about to save the minds of hundreds. They are all exceedingly smart and are learning how to be spies. They are going undercover stop Mr. Curtain from possessing millions of other children.

Maggie Leech

Thompson, Kate  
The New Policeman

J.J. is a young Irish lad who lives in a world where time seems to go faster by the minute. All his mother wants for her birthday is more time in her day. On a journey to find more time, Anne Korff, a respected elder, introduces J.J. to the land of eternal youth, Tir na n'Og. There begins his journey to fix the time leak.

Teddy Ross

## Fantasy

Eddings, David  
Pawn of Prophecy

Garion has grown up as a farm boy, raised by his Aunt Pol. One day on the farm, a mysterious man tells him of a great evil named Kal Torak. When a mysterious story teller comes to their farm, Garion becomes friends with this Old Wolf. When Old Wolf leaves, an Angarak, one of Toraks' people, comes looking for Old Wolf. This is the beginning of Garion's quest.

Max Brouman

McCaffrey, Anne  
Black Horses for the King

Galwyn, son of a Roman Celt, escapes from his tyrannical uncle and joins Lord Artos, later known as King Arthur, using his talent with languages and way with horses to help secure and care for the Libyan horses that Artos hopes to use in battle against the Saxons.

Annotation taken from NoveList

Nicholson, William  
The Wind Singer

The twins Bowman and Kestrel and one of their unusual companions go on an adventure to find the voice of a wooden machine that will keep away the Zars. When traveling they come across two cities on wheels and have many strange encounters with children who look old. The three try very hard to defeat the Zars.

Will Vincett

Nix, Garth  
Sabriel

Sabriel is at the end of a normal day of school when a messenger informs her that her father is "in Death." She leaves school and goes into the Old Kingdom in hopes of saving her father. While on this journey, she learns of Kerrigor, the former man who has killed the queen along with others, who is now after Sabriel because she is the Abhorson.

Tony Satryan

Pattou, Edith  
East

Rose's family is very poor, and when her sister is overcome by a sudden illness, a peculiar white bear promises wealth for her family and health for her sister if Rose comes to live with him. After agreeing, having no idea what experiences await her, she is taken to a remote castle.

Christian Duncan

Pratchett, Terry  
Wintersmith

Tiffany Aching is a teenage witch, whose life is perfect until she is taken to the Morris Dance. There she joins the dance between the Summer Lady and the Wintersmith. Now Tiffany is turning into the Summer Lady, and the Wintersmith is searching for her so he can marry her. Tiffany must avoid the Wintersmith, or Spring will never arrive.

Isabel Aiken

## **Science Fiction**

Asimov, Isaac  
Foundation

Hari Seldon, a mathematician, predicts the fall of the Empire. He starts a place for science and the arts to form the second Empire after the first one falls.

Athif Wulandana

Bradbury, Ray  
Dandelion Wine

Summer never lasts forever, especially for two boys in 1928. From the numerous adventures they encounter to notes they write in a nickel tablet, they also spend some time making dandelion wine. The wine holds memories of the summer, memories they never want to forget.

Ayesha Shah

Farmer, Nancy  
The House of the Scorpion

Matteo Alacran is a clone of El Patron, a powerful drug lord from Opium. For a long time, Matt lives safely in a little house in the care of Celia. But then one day he is found and taken to the Alacran's house and is locked up in a coop. When he is rescued, he meets El Patron, but he will later find out why he should not have met him.

Maria Marcos

Halam, Ann  
Dr. Franklin's Island

Semi, Miranda, and Arnie are on their way to Ecuador for an environmentalist trip. Their plane crashes, and they are the only survivors. They swim to a nearby island with hopes of getting off alive. However, Dr. Franklin has other plans for them.

Matt Granato

Reeve, Philip  
Mortal Engines

In the age of mobile cities London lies, a towering beast that devours all in its path. As the city grows faster and stronger, the leaders become more sinister and threaten all that is left of Earth.

Wyatt Hagerty

Scott Card, Orson  
Ender's Game

Ender Wiggins is an eleven-year-old boy counted on by the whole world to defeat the Buggers, the only other known living species in the universe. He goes through Battle School, a school on a space station, and then to Command School, where he learns how to control a fleet of star-fighting ships. He will need these skills when he fights the Buggers.

Will Vincett

## General Fiction

Hearn, Lian

Across the Nightingale Floor (*Tales of the Otori, Book I*)

Takeo is a member of the Hidden when one day his tribe is attacked by the fearsome Iida of the Tohan. He is saved by Otori Shigeru, and he instantly finds himself in a web of murder. He must learn to be an assassin and avenge himself by crossing the Nightingale Floor and killing the invincible Iida.

Paul Steenkiste

Hobbs, Will

Downriver

Jessie, a troubled fifteen year old, and seven other boys and girls steal their counselor's van and two rafts and head down the Colorado River. They have a great time rafting the intense rapids before their counselor shows up. Now they must decide to turn themselves in or take on the Big Drop, the ultimate rapid.

Will Vincett

Kidd, Sue Monk

The Secret Life of Bees

Lily Owens is a fourteen-year-old girl who has had to live with her ill-mannered father and the reality that she killed her mother. To discover the secrets of her mother's life, she escapes from her home and makes her way to a honey farm owned by three sisters. Lily now has the chance to learn the truth about her mother and herself.

Stephanie Betts

Konigsburg, E.L.

The Mysterious Edge of the Heroic World

Amadeo desperately wants to discover something wonderful and overlooked. William, whose mother is an expert on antiques, knows all about what is valuable and old. Mrs. Zender, the eccentric former opera singer in whose house the boys work, might have exactly what they both need. A secret from Nazi-era Germany lies beneath it all.

Ms. Turner

Markandaya, Kamala  
Nectar in a Sieve

Rumoni, a girl who lives in India, starts her adventure in life when she marries a young farmer. She learns to face her problems during hard times from courage that she did not even know she had.

Miriam Adams

Schmidt, Gary D.  
The Wednesday Wars

Holling is stuck at school every Wednesday while his classmates are at their religious classes. Here, he is stuck with his teacher, Mrs. Baker, who hates him. Holling must learn to become friends with Mrs. Baker or be stuck cleaning erasers for the whole school year.

Noah Harchelroad

### **Historical Fiction**

Auch, Mary Jane  
Ashes of Roses

Rose Nolan and her family arrive in America safely. Before they can even set foot on land, half of her family must return home. Rose stays with her little sister, hoping for a job. The sisters are hardly making enough money with their jobs at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory. When a terrible fire strikes the Triangle, Rose does not know if she can carry on any longer.

Samantha Goodman

Boyne, John  
Boy in Striped Pajamas

Bruno lives happily in Berlin with his mother, father, and hopeless case of a sister, but, because of a sudden promotion given to his father, Bruno finds himself in the middle of nowhere. In the story, Bruno learns that though his father is a good person, his mission following the Fury, is not.

Alexandra Janczewska

Fletcher, Susan  
Alphabet of Dreams

Fourteen-year-old Mitra, of royal Persian lineage, and her five-year-old brother Babak, whose dreams foretell the future, flee for their lives in the company of the magus Melchoir and two other Zoroastrian priests, traveling through Persia as they follow star signs leading to a newly-born king in Bethlehem.

Annotations taken from NoveList

Forbes, Esther  
Johnny Tremain

Johnny Tremain, a young boy growing up in Boston, faces hard times when he burns his hand and loses his ability as a silversmith. He goes to work for a newspaper publisher named Mr. Lorne. At this job he becomes friends with a boy named Rab. Later, the Boston Tea Party commenced, and decisions must be made by both he and Rab.

Francesco Zenati

Kadohata, Cynthia  
Cracker

Willie must give his beloved dog Cracker away when his family moves. Willie responds to an advertisement recruiting dogs for the war. With extensive training and help from a soldier named Rick, Cracker becomes the best search dog in her group. She and Rick go to Vietnam and form a bond that lasts a lifetime.

Lia Winter

Smith, Roland  
Elephant Run

During World War II, Nick Freestone's mother sends him away from the bombing of England to his father's plantation in Burma. Rather than finding safety, Burma is soon invaded by the Japanese, and the family plantation is taken over by soldiers who hold Nick captive in his home. With the help of his friend Mya, Nick must quickly learn the secrets of the family home and about the timber elephants trained on the plantation.

Mrs. Pyle

## Classics

Grahame, Kenneth  
The Wind in the Willows

This is a classic tale of Mole, Rat, Badger, Toad, and the weasels and the adventures that they have in the British countryside. The animals teach Toad about himself and what friendship is all about.

Mrs. Pyle

Montgomery, L.M.  
Anne of Green Gables

When Anne Shirley is finally adopted, all of her hopes and dreams finally seem to come true until she learns that she might not get to stay at Green Gables. Anne's very vivid imagination and outgoing personality quickly warms the hearts of her potential guardians, and she hopes they will keep her.

Julia Gasbarro

Steinbeck, John  
The Red Pony

Jody always dreamed of having his own horse. But when he finally gets one and it becomes sick, Jody has to take on some big responsibilities in order to save Gabilan's life.

Christiana Jueng

Stevenson, Robert Lewis  
Treasure Island

After finding a map of a treasure, Jim Hawkins and the Captain find a crew and set sail to Treasure Island with hopes of finding it. While on this journey, they find themselves in trouble with the people of the island.

Aya Agha

Twain, Mark  
The Prince and the Pauper

Tom Canty is a poor beggar boy who lives in the gutters of London. Edward Tudor is the royal prince of Wales. On one fateful day these two meet and exchange lives. The prince discovers how difficult life is for a commoner and that returning to the throne may be an even bigger challenge.

Eric Brill

Verne, Jules  
Journey to the Center of the Earth

Alex and his uncle Professor Lindenbrock find a note in an Icelandic book. This note explains how to reach the center of the Earth, so Axel and Professor Lindenbrock journey throughout the Earth to reach its center with their guide Hans.

Clayton Hirsch

## **Nonfiction**

Ahmedi, Farah and Tamim Ansary  
The Story of My Life: An Afghan Girl on the Other Side of the Sky

Farah is a happy Afghan girl who lives in Kabul with her loving family of two brothers, two sisters, a mother, and a father. Tragedy strikes not only her and her family but her country, and Farah has to endure much for one young person.

Sydney Mordoh

Algeo, Matthew  
Last Team Standing: How the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Philadelphia Eagles—the “Stealges”—Saved Pro Football during World War II

During World War II, professional football reached its ultimate lowest point. The army drafted most of the players, and many football franchises died. All of the struggles ended when the Pittsburgh Steelers and Philadelphia Eagles joined to form the amazing franchise that saved the National Football League.

Reggie Mitchell

Asgedom, Mawi

Of Beetles and Angels: A Boy's Remarkable Journey from A Refugee Camp to Harvard

Mawi and his family escape from the civil wars of Africa to start a new life in Chicago, Illinois. His family encounters many hardships as they try to adjust to life in America. Eventually, Mawi makes friends, with whom he shares many adventures. Mawi overcomes the hardships of his new life in Chicago and graduates from Harvard University.

Chris Majesky

Bruchac, Joseph

Jim Thorpe, Original All-American

Jim Thorpe is a book about a Native American named Jim Thorpe. After many sad events early in his life, he goes to a great boarding school called Carlisle and becomes a sports star. He later competes in the Olympics and becomes an All-American college football player.

Michael Mathieson

Cox, Lynne

Swimming to Antarctica

Lynne Cox is inspired by Mrs. Milligan to swim the English Channel. She breaks the record for that channel, and, many long swims after that, she puts herself to the test by swimming a mile in the Bering Strait.

Mary McLaughlin

Paulsen, Gary

Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod

Gary Paulsen sets off on the journey of a lifetime, the Iditarod. Racing a fifteen dog team 1,180 miles across the Alaskan wilderness is a challenge. Paulsen has to fight through treacherous conditions to finish the race.

Greger Zentgraf