

**Fred S. Engle Middle School
2009 Required Summer Reading Assignment
for
Students Entering 7th Grade**

Fred S. Engle Middle School students are required to read one novel over the summer. Students will complete a test on their selected novel upon returning to school in the fall. The test will be comprised of twenty-five questions. Students will be evaluated on their basic understanding of the characters and events, literary elements, elements of plot, and vocabulary.

To help prepare for this test, it is suggested that students complete the attached study guide after reading the novel.

The selected summer reading novel should be on or above each student's independent reading level. Students are required to select a novel from the list below. Novels are listed in order of difficulty from least to most challenging. Brief descriptions of each novel are listed on the back of this page.

Me, Mop and the Moonbounce Kid

The Music of the Dolphins

The Tiger Rising

No More Dead Dogs

Honus And Me

Lily's Crossing

A Mango Shaped Space

So B It

Blizzard's Wake

Heat

The Ballad of Lucy Whipple

Walter Dean Myers

Karen Hesse

Kate DiCamillo

Gordon Korman

Dan Gutman

Patricia Reilly Giff

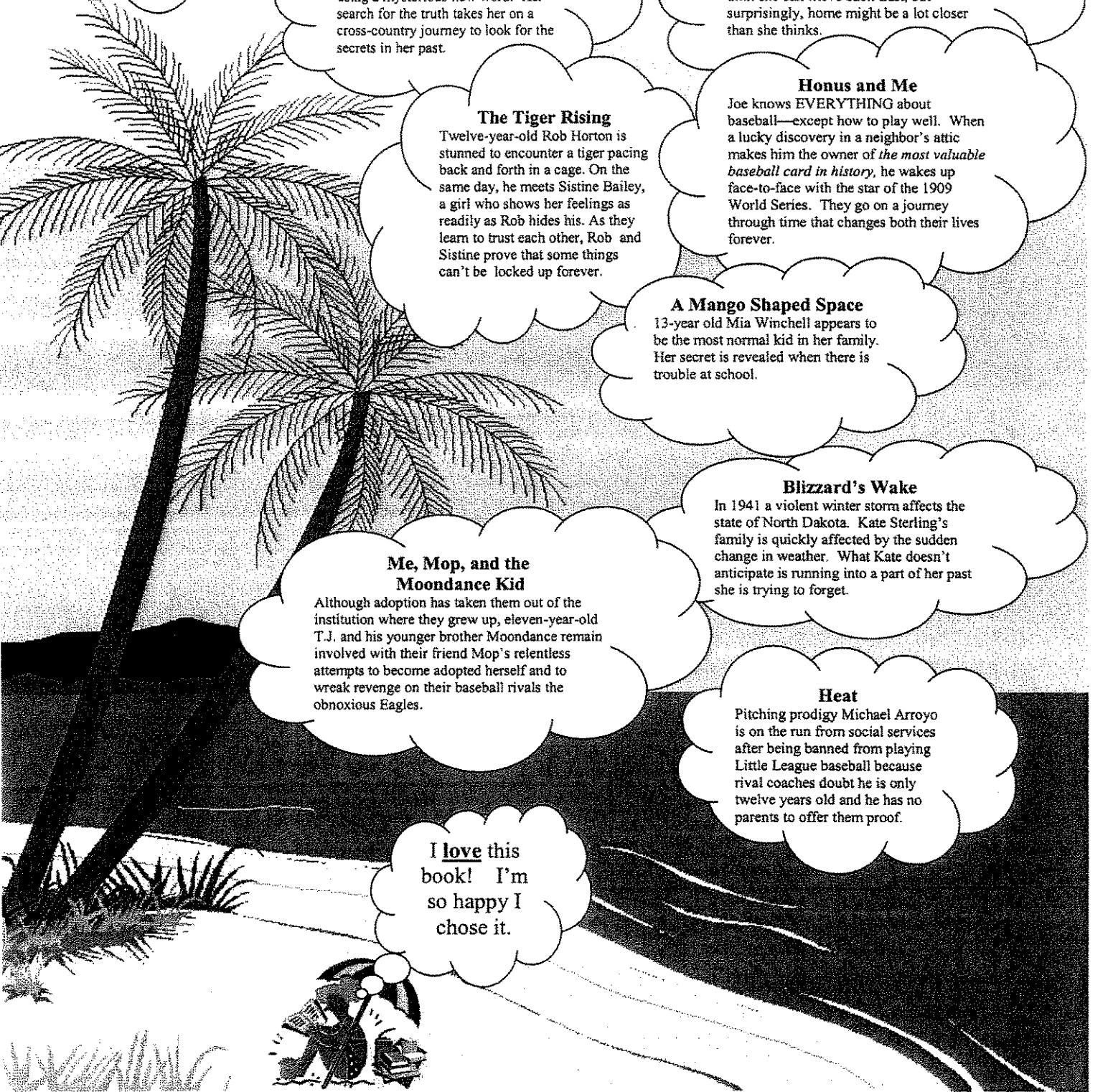
Wendy Mass

Sarah Weeks

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Mike Lupica

Karen Cushman



The Music of Dolphins

A girl raised by dolphins records her thoughts about her reintroduction to the human world.

Lily's Crossing

During the summer of 1944, Lily can't escape the effects of World War II even during her vacation at Rockaway on the Atlantic Ocean. Her new friendship with Albert, a refugee boy from Hungary is based on shared secrets and Lily has one that might cost Albert his life.

No More Dead Dogs

Wallace Wallace's honest opinion of the book *Old Shep, My Pal* annoys his English teacher who sentences him to attend rehearsals of the play based on that story until his opinion changes. He doesn't change his mind, but he does make a few hilarious changes in the play.

So B It

Heidi's unconventional lifestyle is complicated when her mother begins using a mysterious new word. Her search for the truth takes her on a cross-country journey to look for the secrets in her past.

The Ballad of Lucy Whipple

The gold fields of California don't suit Lucy Whipple. She vows to be miserable until she can move back East, but surprisingly, home might be a lot closer than she thinks.

The Tiger Rising

Twelve-year-old Rob Horton is stunned to encounter a tiger pacing back and forth in a cage. On the same day, he meets Sistine Bailey, a girl who shows her feelings as readily as Rob hides his. As they learn to trust each other, Rob and Sistine prove that some things can't be locked up forever.

Honus and Me

Joe knows EVERYTHING about baseball—except how to play well. When a lucky discovery in a neighbor's attic makes him the owner of *the most valuable baseball card in history*, he wakes up face-to-face with the star of the 1909 World Series. They go on a journey through time that changes both their lives forever.

A Mango Shaped Space

13-year old Mia Winchell appears to be the most normal kid in her family. Her secret is revealed when there is trouble at school.

Me, Mop, and the Moondance Kid

Although adoption has taken them out of the institution where they grew up, eleven-year-old T.J. and his younger brother Moondance remain involved with their friend Mop's relentless attempts to become adopted herself and to wreak revenge on their baseball rivals the obnoxious Eagles.

Blizzard's Wake

In 1941 a violent winter storm affects the state of North Dakota. Kate Sterling's family is quickly affected by the sudden change in weather. What Kate doesn't anticipate is running into a part of her past she is trying to forget.

Heat

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.

I love this book! I'm so happy I chose it.

Summer Reading Study Guide

Questions 1-15 will be basic comprehension questions. Familiarize yourself with the characters and main events of your novel.

Questions 16-20 will cover your novel's plot. It may be helpful to write an example for each of the following items:

Setting: the time and place _____

Conflict: the struggle or problem to be solved _____

Protagonist: the main character _____

Antagonist: the force working against the main character-it may be another character, nature, society, or a force within the main character _____

Climax: the turning point _____

Point of View: how the story is told (1st, 2nd, 3rd person) _____

Resolution: how the conflict is solved _____

Questions 21-25 will test your vocabulary knowledge. Each item will be a sentence or two from your novel. You will need to identify the meaning of a given vocabulary word. You should use context clues and your knowledge of affixes and root words to help you discern the meaning. Write down five new vocabulary words, the sentences from your book that include the words, and their definitions.

1. Word _____

Sentence from book _____

Definition _____

2. Word _____

Sentence from book _____

Definition _____

3. Word _____

Sentence from book _____

Definition _____

4. Word _____

Sentence from book _____

Definition _____

5. Word _____

Sentence from book _____

Definition _____