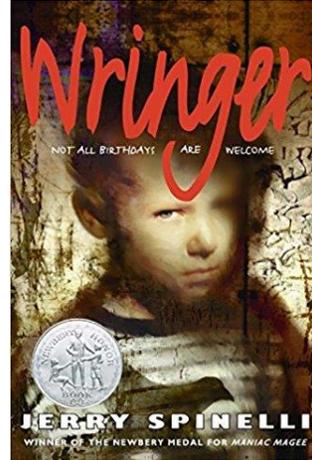


# Summer Reading Assignments

## The Clariden School – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

### Assignment # 1: Stargirl or Wringer, by Jerry Spinelli



### Summer Reading Essay Prompts

Chose ONE of the following essays to complete over your chosen novel. Your writing should be written in size 12 font, Times New Roman or Arial. You should put an MLA heading in the top left corner and give your essay a title. Your essay should contain 5 paragraphs, an introduction with a clear thesis, three body paragraphs, and a strong conclusion.

1. Major characters in literature change because of the forces that act upon them. From your chosen summer reading book, select a major character that changes. Make sure to discuss his/her initial character, the force(s) that cause the change(s), and how the character evolves because of the struggles he/she has endured.
2. Conflicts are a struggle between two opposing forces. Conflict intensifies the action of a story and creates suspense for the reader. Discuss the main conflict in your selected book, show how this conflict is developed in the plot, and explain how the conflict is resolved.
3. An author can reveal his message to the reader in many ways. Some of these methods are direct, and others are subtle. From your selected summer reading book explain the book's theme as well as how the author communicates this message to the audience.

## Assignment #2: FREE CHOICE NOVEL

Your FREE CHOICE novel could be any fiction, young-adult novel of your choice. It can be from any genre, and can be any length. It may be a graphic novel. It may NOT be non-fiction, nor a "children's book". In other words, your novel should be fictional, interesting to you, and age appropriate.

Directions: As you read your FREE CHOICE novel, think about how the author develops the characters. Choose one character and as you read, annotate the text for evidence that shows that character's traits. Record your findings in a chart like the chart below.

Please include page numbers with your text evidence.

Select one character from the novel. Name three of his or her character traits and then give three examples with text evidence from the novel to support the character trait you have identified.

Example Chart:		
Character Trait #1:		
Text Evidence from novel with page number and commentary	Text Evidence from novel with page number and commentary	Text Evidence from novel with page number and commentary

**\*\*All assignments should be printed and turned in on the first day of school – August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Assignments turned in after this date will be considered late.\*\***