

MIDDLE SCHOOL
SUMMER READING REQUIRED BOOK ASSIGNMENT

Students will have selected one of the two book choices (*The Cay*, or *Stargirl*.) After reading their book of choice, they will compose a three- paragraph essay following the guidelines below. This essay should be ready for submission on the first day of class. The essay must be typed, 12 font, Times New Roman, and printed on white paper.

Essay: Write a three- paragraph essay that follows the outline below. Each paragraph should have a minimum of five sentences.

- I. Explain the premise of your book.
 - a. Who is the protagonist?
 - b. What is the overall setting of the story?
 - c. What is the initial struggle? (What is the protagonist struggling with?)

- II. Explain how the protagonist changed due to the events in the story.
 - a. Give examples from the story that demonstrate their change. Do they react to situations in the same way? Do they treat people a certain way? Did they learn something about themselves and the world? Who did they become by the end of the story?

- III. Explain your personal response to the book.
 - a. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not? (Be specific.)
 - b. What was your favorite (or least favorite) part of the book? Explain why.
 - c. Were you able to make any personal connections to the book? Explain