

# Philippa Schuyler Middle School for the Gifted & Talented

**Summer Reading Projects 2021: All students are expected to read 2 novels over the summer break, and complete the assignments attached. All summer projects will be due on Monday, September 27, 2021. **These assignments will count towards the 1st Marking Period grade for ELA.****

Incoming Grade 5 Summer Reading List:

**Mandatory Reading:** *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

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**Students are also expected to read one of the following books:**

- *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry
- OR
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
- OR
- *Amina's Voice* by Hena Khan

**Writing Activities for Summer Reading List:**

<p><b>Teacher Assigned (Connected to the <b>MANDATED</b> reading for your grade level) - <b>REQUIRED</b></b></p>	<p><b>Student Choice: Choose (1) Activity and complete it for the 2nd novel.</b></p>
<p><i><b>Theme:</b> A lesson/message about life that the author is trying to convey to the reader. The theme may be stated or implied. The reader must make his /her own meaning as to the general idea or insight about life that the author is trying to make in the literary work. The theme may be conveyed through the setting, character details and conflicts.</i></p> <p><b>Task Directions:</b> Write a (4) paragraph well developed essay that explains how the author conveyed the theme of the book. The essay should be organized as follows:</p>	<p><b>Option 1:</b> Create a movie trailer or commercial for your book. BE CREATIVE! Either product should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The book title</li> <li>● The author</li> <li>● An image</li> <li>● A brief description that includes the book's problem, setting, and main character.</li> <li>● Remember that you are trying to get people to "watch" your movie! What will you do to draw the viewer's attention to your advertisement?</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Introduction (include title and author of the book)</li><li>● Body (include textual evidence to support the theme)</li><li>● Conclusion (summarize important points)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● This task can be done on FlipGrid, iMovie or another audio/ visual platform that you are very familiar with.</li><li>● It should be between 2 to 3 minutes long.</li></ul>
	<p><b>Option 2:</b> Rewrite a scene from the novel from another character’s perspective. Be sure to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The setting and plot consistent with the novel</li><li>● The “new” main character’s inner thinking</li><li>● Dialogue between two or more characters.</li><li>● This task can be written or done in a video format. If you choose to write the scene, it should be no more than 2 pages. If you choose to record a video, it should be between 2 and 4 minutes long.</li></ul>
	<p><b>Option 3:</b> Write a theme song for the novel. Be sure to include the following in your song:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The main character’s inner thinking</li><li>● The setting and plot consistent with the novel</li></ul> <p>The song must be accompanied with instrumental music of any genre, and include appropriate language. The song should also include at least 3 stanzas and a chorus.</p>