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8th grade Choice Book Summer Response Assignment

Directions: After reading either *Refugee*, *Monster*, or *Paperboy*, you will complete a response paper OR a presentation (either live or video taped). The prompt and requirements for both are below. **The assignment/prepared presentation is due the first day of school. Email Mrs. Desch at sdesch@devonprep.com with questions!**

Prompt: In each of the books, teenagers go through struggles during the most formative years of their lives. How does the protagonist (main character) of your novel cope with the struggles that he/she goes through? How is he/she able to continue to grow and change due to his/her circumstances? What is the main lesson he/she learns from his/her experiences?

Requirements for response paper:

- Typed
- 12 pt Times New Roman Font
- Double-spaced
- should be proofread
- 1.5-3 pages in length

Requirements for presentation (live or taped):

- must be at least 2.5 minutes long and no longer than 5 minutes
- must include responses to the above prompt questions
- should look practiced
- if taped, must be in a form that will be able to be watched in class

8th grade summer reading guide 1 – As you read, use this to help you take meaningful notes.
Email Mrs. Desch sdesch@devonprep.com with questions. Charts are due the first day of school.
Incoming 8th graders-you must complete this chart for BOTH texts (LOTF and the choice book)!

Name: _____

Title of book: _____ Author: _____

Connections – What are some connections you are making while reading? Make at least 4 connections. Text to Self; Text to World; Text to Other Texts	Clarifying –What are some words, phrases, or events in the text that you do not fully understand and need to look beyond the text to help your understanding? Show at least 5 clarifications-include what it is and what you found to help you clarify.	Literary Elements – Use <u>quotes</u> from the text to identify theme, point of view, conflicts, literary devices (simile, metaphor, personification, imagery, etc), characterization, symbolism, etc. Underneath each quote, provide an explanation of the literary element. Identify and cite evidence (page number) of at least 6 literary elements.

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1. **Timeline of Events** - After reading, **record 6 noteworthy events** in the chart below. Briefly explain the event in the left hand column, and in the right column explain why this event is important to the story.

Event	Importance to Story

1. **TO BE COMPLETED ONCE YOU HAVE FINISHED THE BOOK-** What did you like about the book? What did you not like about the book? Would you suggest it to future students entering your grade? Why or Why not? Be specific.
