Dear Incoming 7th Grade Students,

The following summer assignment must be completed and brought in the first day of school in September. PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT A SUMMARY OF THE TEXTS, AS DOING THIS WILL RESULT IN A DECREASE IN YOUR GRADE. BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE TASK PROVIDED BELOW.

**This assignment should be handed in to your English Language Arts teacher on the first day of school.**

Read the novel, *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Haddix Peterson.

* After reading, write a 5 paragraph essay with a cover. This essay is NOT a summary or a retelling of the novel. Please carefully read each bullet point and use them to guide you as you write each paragraph. Your complete heading, using a date of September 7, 2017, must be on the first page of your essay.

**Paragraph 1:** INTRODUCTION: Provide some ***brief*** background information about the plot of the novel and about the main character, Luke.

**Paragraph 2:** BODY PARAGRAPH 1: Describe Luke’s thoughts and feelings about being a third child in the beginning of the novel. Give a specific example of evidence from the text to support your claim.

**Paragraph 3:** BODY PARAGRAPH 2: Describe Luke’s thoughts and feelings about being a third child at the end of the novel. Give a specific example of evidence from the text to support your claim.

**Paragraph 4:** BODY PARAGRAPH 3: Choose a character from the book and identify **2** traits (words to describe) this character. Give a specific example of evidence from the text to support each trait.

**Paragraph 5:** CONCLUSION: Tell whether or not you would recommend this book to a friend. Give one specific reason why you would or wouldn’t, and then explain this reason.

**Cover:** Please include the following on your cover:

--The title of the book and the author’s name

--A picture that you created or that is taken from the internet

--Your first and last name

--*Feel free to add any creative touches that you choose to your cover.*

The assigned summer homework book is available for purchase at: THE BOOKMARK SHOPPE, located at 84-15 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn N.Y. at a 15% discount for students at The SEEALL Academy. You can also visit www.bookmarkshoppe.com. This book is also available through Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com. The book may also be available at your local library. Please note that your teachers will be reviewing this book with you in September, so it will be helpful for you to have your own copy of the book available for your use

\*The above assignment will be counted as the first major assignment for English.

Common Core Standards – Summer Reading Assignment – Grade 7

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| Elements of the Genre | Student Standards/Goals | Demonstration |
| Introduction  (15%)  \_\_4  \_\_3  \_\_2  \_\_1 | Precisely introduce my topic in an appropriate style of writing. | **ONE PARAGRAPH**   * Have an interesting lead sentence that grabs the readers’ attention. * Clearly introduces background of the novel and of the main character. * Summarizes the main points that will be made in the paper. |
| Luke at the beginning paragraph  (20%)  \_\_4  \_\_3  \_\_2  \_\_1 | Write in a way that communicates clearly, effectively and with supporting evidence and explanations. | **ONE PARAGRAPH**   * Answer each discussion point thoroughly. * For EACH discussion point, provide three specific textual examples from the text to support your statement. * Discuss each piece of evidence clearly, specifically explaining how the evidence connects to the discussion point. |
| Luke at the end paragraph  (20%)  \_\_4  \_\_3  \_\_2  \_\_1 | Write in a way that communicates clearly, effectively and with supporting evidence and explanations. | **ONE PARAGRAPH**   * Thoroughly describe and explain Luke’s feelings about being a 3rd child at the end of the novel. * Provide a specific example of evidence from the text to support this claim. * Explain this evidence thoroughly. |
| Character trait paragraph  (20%)  \_\_4  \_\_3  \_\_2  \_\_1 | Write in a way that communicates clearly, effectively and with supporting evidence and explanations. | **ONE PARAGRAPH**   * Identify and explain 2 traits for one character in the book. * Provide a specific example of evidence from the text to support each trait. * Explain each piece of evidence thoroughly. |
| Conclusion  (15%)  \_\_4  \_\_3  \_\_2  \_\_1 | Provide a recommendation, reason and explanation. | **ONE PARAGRAPH**   * Shares a recommendation to a friend. * Gives a strong reason for this recommendation. * Gives a strong explanation for this reason. |
| Creativity of cover  (5%)  \_\_4  \_\_3  \_\_2  \_\_1 | Include a creative cover that has the title of the book, the author’s name, a picture related to the book and your first and last name. | **OVERALL**   * Shows creativity and originality while including all the necessary elements. |
| Conventions  (5%)  \_\_4  \_\_3  \_\_2  \_\_1 | Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, spelling, and paragraph formation. | **OVERALL**   * Revise to ensure that all paragraphs have a clear topic sentence, relevant details, and appropriate transitions. * Begin a new paragraph every time you begin discussing a slightly different topic. * Paper is formatted correctly, including the use of paragraph indentation and margins. * Edit to ensure proper capitalization, punctuation, subject-verb agreement, and verb tenses. * Edit for correct spelling. |