Middle School
Summer Reading
2017

8th Grade
Reading Log

Name ________________________

English Teacher _______
Title of the Book ______________________________
Author _____________________

What is the genre for this book? (check answer)
___non-fiction ___historical fiction ___adventure
___fantasy ___autobiography/biography
___contemporary life and problems (teen issues)

Star Rating for this book? * * * * *
(circle—5 being the best)

What is the theme of this book? Often times there is more than one theme, choose the one you feel is the most important and provide “text-based” details to support your answer. (Theme isn’t something that’s stated outright; it often appears as a lesson or message that the reader understands by reading between the lines.)

Reach for a book
when you want to feel friendly, reach for a book
that’s happy-ever-end-y.

Reach for a book
when you’d like to be cozy, reach for a book
when you’re cold in the nose-y.

Reach for a book, turn the pages and find you can match the mood. of your rainbow mind.

Reach for a book on a library shelf and lose and find your very own self.

By Eve Merriam
Recommended Books for eighth graders to choose from:

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How is the main character similar and different from you? For example:

How you and your main character are similar:
- Interests
- Goals
- Traditions

How you and your main character are different:
- Interests
- Goals
- Traditions

Use the Venn Diagram below to record your response and label the circles. Be sure to include at least 5 differences and three similarities.
#2: First major event?

#2: Second major event?

#2: Third major event?

#3: What is the climax of the story?

#5: What is the resolution?

Other books I’ve read this summer: BONUS

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