

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading

*Read one of the following novels:*

- *Fever 1793* by Laura Halse Anderson
- *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare
- *Milkweed* by Jerry Spinelli

*Then, choose **one** of the following 5 response options to complete.*

*This assignment should be typed (if applicable) and submitted on Teams, or printed and delivered to your teacher by Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.*

1. **Alternate Ending.** Write an 800-word minimum alternate ending to the novel. Include dialogue throughout and make sure that the ending makes sense with the rest of the events of the novel.

2. **Character Analysis Essay.** Write a 650-word essay analyzing one of the main characters of the novel you read. Use the following questions to *guide* you, but your essay should be of your own creation.

- Did this character grow or change over the course of the novel? If they did, explain how, and whether this change was positive or negative. If not, explain why you think the author kept the character *static* throughout the course of the novel.
- Use STEAL to analyze the character's personality and traits. (Speech, Thoughts, Effect on Others, Actions, Looks).

3. **Create a sculpture of a character.** Use modeling clay or papier-mâché to sculpt a character. Write a description of who the character is and why he or she is important (450 words).

4. **Create a posterboard.** On a posterboard, create an outline of the novel from beginning to end, analyzing the events and characters over the course of the novel. Include images. (550 words)

5. **Create a podcast.** Create a 4-minute (minimum) podcast episode run by two characters in the book. They should be talking about the events of the novel (after it is completed), breaking down the themes of the book and the lessons that they learned. You may play both characters yourself, or have someone else play one of the two characters.