

Entering Grade 8



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Re: Mandatory Summer Reading 2019

Hollywood Academy believes in the importance of reading to strengthen fluency, vocabulary, phonics, and comprehension throughout the summer. Therefore, Summer Reading Assignments are once again upon us.

For the 2019-2020 school year, it is **mandatory** that all students enrolled prior to July 13:

- Read the **Required Summer Reading book** for his/her entering grade level
- Read a second book of his/her choice at grade level
- Complete book reports for each book
- Book Reports will be collected the first week of school. Failure to complete these assignments will result in the student receiving zeros.
- Summer Book Reports template will not be accepted during the school year.

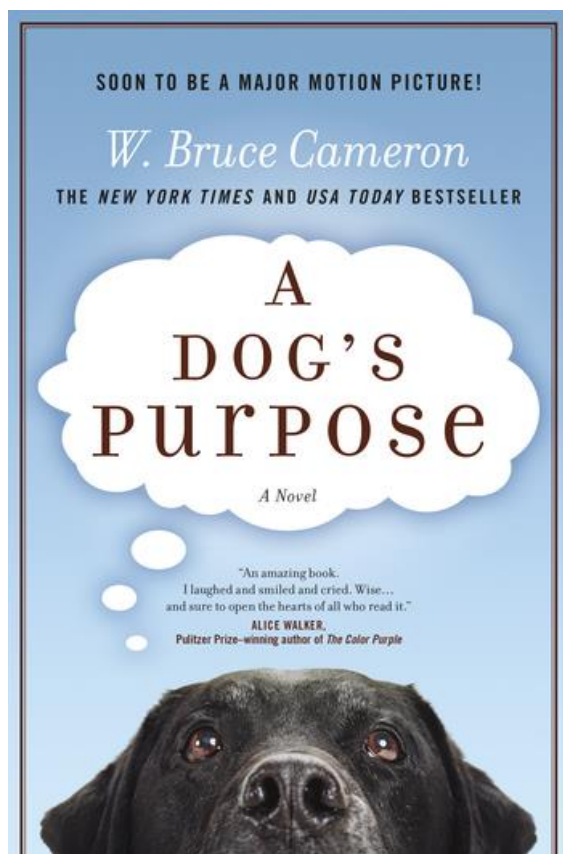
Help your child to see the summer as a time when they can dive into books that feed their imagination and special interests.

Wishing you a wonderful summer!

Required Summer Reading 2019-2020

A Dog's Purpose

By W. Bruce Cameron



Heartwarming, insightful, and often laugh-out-loud funny, *A Dog's Purpose* is not only the emotional and hilarious story of a dog's many lives, but also a dog's-eye commentary on human relationships and the unbreakable bonds between man and man's best friend. This moving and beautifully crafted story teaches us that love never dies, that our true friends are always with us, and that every creature on earth is born with a purpose.

Bailey's story continues in *A Dog's Journey*, the charming *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling direct sequel to *A Dog's Purpose*.



Mandatory Summer Reading Book Report 2019-2020

Name: _____

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Story Elements:

Part A: What can you infer about the plot and how was it shaped by the setting? Use details from the text to support your answer.

Part B: How does the setting shape the main characters in the book? Use details from the text to support your answer.

Theme

What is the overarching theme or central idea? How do the characters actions help determine the theme? Cite evidence from the text to support your answer.

Connections

Text-to-self connections:

- What does this story remind you of?
- Can you relate to the characters in the story?
- Does anything in this story remind you of anything in your own life?

Text-to-text connections:

- What does this remind you of in another book you have read?
- How is this text similar to other things you have read?
- How is this text different from other things you have read?

Text-to-world connections:

- What does this remind you of in the real world?
- How are events in this story similar to things that happen in the real world?
- How are events in this story different from things that happen in the real world?



Directions: Answer the following questions using complete sentences

Chapters One – Three: What is a feral dog? Give 3 examples when the puppies’ mother shows that she is fearful of humans.

Chapters Four – Seven: How does Toby get injured? Why do you think Toby didn’t escape when he had the chance? Why does Toby think his new name is “Fella?” How does Ethan choose the name “Bailey?”

Chapters Eight – Nine: Bailey dives after Ethan to save him. Why is this typical for a golden retriever? Research “Golden Retrievers” and explain the original purpose for this breed of dog.

Chapters Ten – Twelve: The author hints at the time/setting. What historical event provides a clue?

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Chapters Thirteen – Fifteen: Ethan’s summer activity has changed. List 3 activities Ethan is now doing that indicate time has passed and summer is over.

Chapters Sixteen – Seventeen: What clues does the author give that indicate Bailey is dying? The “nice man” makes a comment to Bailey when he is dying. This is the first time the author implies Bailey’s purpose in the story. What is it?

Chapters Eighteen – Twenty: What clues do we have that Jakob is suffering emotionally? Be sure to cite clues with quotation marks and page numbers.

Chapters Twenty-One – Twenty-Three: When Maya wants to quit, what does Ellie do that takes away her sadness? What does Jakob tell Maya when she tells him that she is thinking of quitting? Do you think he is too hard on her? Why or why not?

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Chapters Twenty-Four – Twenty-Five: What is Ellie’s new purpose? Explain why the author says, “...if it wasn’t for Ellie, Alyssa would never have been born.”

Chapters Twenty-Six – Twenty-Eight: Why did Victor remind Bear of Todd? Describe his new living conditions with Wendi’s mother and why it is considered animal abuse. Why does Bear feel he has no purpose when he is left to roam? What example of foreshadowing do we have at the end of chapter two?

Chapter Twenty-Nine – Thirty: At the end of chapter twenty-nine, Bear finds Ethan. Explain how the passage of time is evident.

Chapter Thirty-One – Thirty-Two: Buddy senses a sadness in Ethan that he once perceived in Jakob. Explain how this sadness is similar in both owners. What happens to Ethan at the end of the novel? Did this novel make you feel any differently about dogs? Why or why not?



Literature Book Report Template

This template will map out the information you need to include in your book report. As you read the book, think about these questions. When you go to write your book report, be sure to include the information completed on the following pages. **The final report must be neatly written with blue or black ink OR typed, Times New Roman, size 12 font, double spaced, 1-inch margins.**

****Make sure to cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.****

Introductory paragraph- Basic Information
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Title and author of book.2. Genre of book3. Write 1-2 sentences that give a brief summary of the book (Ex: <i>Loser</i> is the story of Donald Zinkoff, a student who struggles to stand strong even though he is constantly teased by his classmates). Write 1-2 sentences that describe the theme or central idea.

2nd paragraph- Characters	3rd paragraph- Setting
Write 7-8 sentences analyzing the development of the theme over the course of the text and its relationship to the characters.	Write 7-8 sentences analyzing the development of the theme over the course of the text and its relationship to the setting.

4th Paragraph- Dialogue	5th paragraph- Plot
Write 7-8 sentences analyzing how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in the story propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision.	Write 7-8 sentences analyzing the development of the theme over the course of the text and its relationship to the plot; provide an objective summary of the text.

6th Paragraph- Review/Opinion
Describe why you liked or disliked the book. Be sure to include reasons that explains your opinion. <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ If you liked the book, describe what made the book interesting.➤ If you disliked the book, describe what you could have changed to make it better?



Non-Fiction Book Report Template

This template will map out the information you need to include in your book report. As you read the book, think about these questions. When you go to write your book report, be sure to include the information completed on the following pages. **The final report must be neatly written with blue or black ink OR typed, Times New Roman, size 12 font, double spaced, 1-inch margins.**

****Make sure to cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. ****

Introductory paragraph- Basic Information
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Title and author of book.2. Year the book was written.3. Number of pages.4. Write 2-3 sentences to describe:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. who/what the book is aboutb. why you chose this subject

2nd paragraph- Central Idea
Write 7-8 sentences analyzing the development of the central idea over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.

3rd Paragraph – Structure	4th paragraph- Purpose / Author’s Point of View
Write 7-8 sentences analyzing in detail the structure of a specific paragraph in the text, including the role of a particular sentence in developing and refining a key concept.	Write 7-8 sentences analyzing how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.

5th Paragraph- Your Reaction
Describe how you will use the information you learned from the book. <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ On a five-star scale (five being the best) how would you rate the book? Why?➤ Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not?➤ What did you like about the book?➤ What did you not like about the book?