

## EMS Summer Reading List Recommendations 2024-2025

GRADE	HONORS	REGULAR
SIXTH	<i>Ungifted</i> by Gordon Korman	<i>Wildfire</i> by Rodman Philbrick
SEVENTH	Choice of ONE of the following: 1. <i>The Running Dream</i> by Wendelin Van Draanen 2. <i>The Boy Who Dared</i> by Susan Campell Bartoletti	Choice of ONE of the following: 1. <i>So B. It</i> by Sarah Weeks 2. <i>Ungifted</i> by Gordon Korman
EIGHTH	English 1: <i>Long Way Down</i> by Jason Reynolds	Choice of ONE of the following: 1. <i>The Boy Who Dared</i> by Susan Campell Bartoletti 2. <i>Stargirl</i> by Jerry Spinelli 3. <i>Jungle of Bones</i> (Ben Mikaelson) 4. <i>Forged by Fire</i> by Sharon Draper (mature content)

### Summer Reading Assignment

After students have read their Summer Reading book, they need to follow the directions below to create a One Pager. The One Pager will be based on the book that they read and will provide evidence of their understanding of the text. Please follow the directions and be as creative as possible. As noted in the directions, please make sure the entire paper is covered. There should be no empty spaces on this project.

Projects due July 24-31, 2024.

Questions, please contact:

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**\*\*The assignment directions, checklist, rubric, and One Pager examples are below.**



# ONE PAGER ASSIGNMENT

1. **Title** - Clearly display the title, author, & your first/last name.
2. **Border** - Start with a border. Use words, pictures, symbols or quotes that relate to the book.
3. **Visual** - Create a visual image. This can be a character, scene or symbols which represent the plot of the book.
4. **Word Cluster** - Around your image, create a word cluster. Use a minimum of 6 words which represent or describe whatever your image is.
5. **Text Connections** - Write one paragraph in which you make a text to text, text to self or text to world connection. Use evidence to support.
6. **Quotes** - Copy your two most favorite quotes from the book. Explain what each quote means and why you chose it. Include page numbers.
7. **Summary** - Write a one paragraph OBJECTIVE summary for this book.
8. **Character** - Choose one character from the book. In what ways has the character changed from the beginning to the end of the book? Explain what brought about these changes and if they were positive or negative for the character. Use CITED evidence from the book to explain your answer.

## \* NOTES \*

Your entire page should be filled with these elements. There should be NO empty spaces. If you have any room left choose one of the following:

- Add a poem about a character
  - Explain the theme of the book
  - Create 2 higher-order thinking questions that go with the book
    - Explain what the conflict was and how it was resolved
    - Describe the setting and how it influenced the story
  - Write a review of the book. Would you recommend it? Why or why not?
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# ONE PAGER CHECKLIST

Check off each item when complete

ITEM	DETAILS	COMPLETE
1. Title	Title of book, author and student name included	
	Neat, clear and easy to read	
2. Border	Entire page is bordered	
	Border uses pictures, symbols or quotes that relate to book	
	Border is neat, clear and easy to read	
	Everything is in COLOR	
3. Visual	Visual image of a character, scene or symbol is included	
	Image relates to the book and represents the plot	
	Image is neat, clear and easy to understand	
	Everything is in COLOR	
4. Word Cluster	Minimum of 6 words are used	
	Words represent or help to describe your visual image	
	Cluster is neat, clear and easy to read/understand	
	Everything is in COLOR or PEN (no pencil)	
5. Text Connections	Text connection is explained in detail	
	MINIMUM of one well written paragraph	
	CITED evidence is used to support answer	
6. Quotes	Minimum of 2 powerful quotes used	
	Quotes are analyzed and explained in detail	
	Page numbers are CITED	
7. Summary	Objective summary is MINIMUM one paragraph	
	Includes the most important elements of the story	
	Written in OWN words. Not copied from the text	
8. Character Analysis	Analysis explains how the character changed throughout book	
	Includes analysis of whether changes were positive or negative	
	CITED evidence is used to support answer	
9. Creativity & Neatness	My entire page is filled with text or images	
	EVERYTHING is neat and easy to understand. I checked my spelling & grammar. This is my BEST POSSIBLE work!	



## Summer Reading Report - One Pager - Teacher Scoring Rubric

<b>Border</b>	Border is thoughtful, relevant and represents a thorough understanding of the book. Everything in color.	Border is relevant and relates to the book. Everything is in color, but some elements may be unclear or hard to understand.	Border is included but it is not clear how it relates to the story. It may not be in color or may appear to be hastily completed.	_____/5
<b>Visual</b>	Visual image included clearly relates to and represents the plot. Image is well executed and easy to understand. Everything is in color.	Visual image included which represents the plot. Image shows some thought and is easy to understand. Everything is in color but may not be super neat	Visual image included but may appear hastily drawn. It may be unclear how the image relates. May not be in color or is messy and/or difficult to understand.	_____/5
<b>Word Cluster</b>	6 words are chosen which clearly relate to and represent the visual image. Words are arranged around the image in a way that is easy to understand.	There may be less than 6 words included. Most words are related to and represent the image. Words are arranged around the image in a way that is mostly easy to understand.	Less than six words are included. It may be unclear how the words represent or relate to the image drawn. Words may be arranged in a way that is hard to understand.	_____/5
<b>Text Connections</b>	One well written paragraph included which clearly explains and elaborates text connections. CITED evidence is used to support connections.	Paragraph is included but text connections may not be well explained or elaborated. Evidence is included but it may not be CITED or it may be unrelated	Paragraph is included but is incomplete and may be missing explanations, elaboration or evidence. It is unclear what connection is being made	_____/20
<b>Quotes</b>	Powerful quotes are chosen which show a deep understanding of the story. Analysis demonstrates higher order thinking. Page numbers are cited	Good quotes are chosen which show a clear understanding of the story. Analysis demonstrates on-level thinking but could have been taken a step further. Page numbers are cited.	Quotes are included but they do not help to show any understanding of the story. Analysis may be missing or are difficult to understand. Page numbers may be missing.	_____/20
<b>Summary</b>	One paragraph objective summary includes the most relevant elements of the book. All writing is in own words.	One paragraph summary is written, which includes elements from the book. Summary may miss some elements but is in own words.	Summary is included, but may be too short in length. May not include the most relevant elements and/or most of it was from the text.	_____/20
<b>Character Analysis</b>	Analysis shows a deep understanding of the character and the ways they changed over the course of the story. Evidence is used to support	Analysis shows an understanding of the character and the ways they changed. Evidence is included but may not be cited or unrelated.	Analysis is included but may be incomplete and does not show a true understanding of the ways the character changed. Evidence may be missing or unrelated.	_____/20
<b>Creativity / Neatness</b>	Final product shows a significant amount of creativity, neatness and effort. Entire page is filled - Exemplary work!	Final product shows creativity, neatness and effort. Almost the entire page is filled. Nice job!	Final product may not be neat, and shows a lack of effort. Entire page may not be filled. Needs work!	_____/5
<b>Total Score</b> _____ / 100 <b>Comments/Feedback:</b> _____				

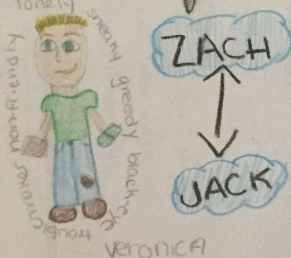
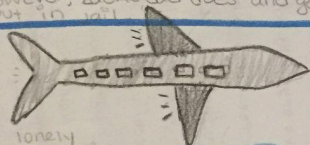


# Zach's Lie

by. Roland Smith

## Text Connection

In the book, Alonzo Aznar runs a drug cartel and does get in trouble. In the real world many people are buying drugs and becoming very secretive and not getting caught. This is a text to world connection. From the book, Alonzo owns a private jet for his drug cartel and hasn't got in trouble. However, Zach's dad does and gets put in jail.



**Character:** Zach has changed a lot as the book went on. For example, when Zach arrived to Elko, he wanted to go and had no friends. Unfortunately, at the end of the book, Zach had to leave Elko and leave all the great friends he made. Zach ended up loving Elko. He had a positive change as the book went on.

**Objective Summary:** "Zach's Lie" by Roland Smith describes a boy named Zach who had to change his identity because him and his family were in danger. Alonzo Aznar threatened to kill them if they told anyone what happened. They had to move and changed how they looked. This all happened because Zach's dad was the pilot for Alonzo's drug cartel. But Zach didn't know that Alonzo Aznar was looking for them again in Elko. To wrap it up, Alonzo found them in Elko and Zach and his close friends teamed up to take Alonzo down!

## QUOTE 1

This quote that I chose was "Everyone knows Everything about Everybody" on page 102. I chose this because it was a good example on how the author gives you clues on what is going to happen.

## QUOTE 2

Another quote that I found was a quote said from Alonzo: "You know a little too much for our own good." I chose this because Peter now knew Alonzo's identity and Alonzo can get in a lot of trouble. It explains how he tricked Peter.

## REVIEW

Zach's Lie is a great book if you love a interesting plot. I recommend this book for young readers like me! This is my favorite book I've ever read and you'll love it too.

# ZACH'S LIE by Roland Smith Mrs. Stebbins

## JOURNAL

"Blue Lies Zach thought" -pg. 95

"A shepherd stays with his flock" -pg. 208

## Text Connection

I can make a text connection between this book and myself (text-to-self). Everyone has had a time when they were forced to keep a secret or tell a lie. In the book, Zach (pg. 91) struggled to connect with kids at school, but he could not tell the truth about his life. I can relate with this because sometimes I can be hard to make friends when you are afraid of what they may think.

I chose this quote because it shows how hard it was for Zach to live a life that was based on lies. This was also the beginning of Zach + Catlin's relationship.

I chose this quote because Sam is an important character in this book. If he were not looking out for the kids at Elko Middle, Zach probably would not have survived.

## RUBY MOUNTAINS

### OBJECTIVE SUMMARY

Zach's Lie by Roland Smith is a realistic-fiction story about a boy and his family that are forced to enter the witness security program after the father is arrested for drug trafficking. The family is forced to start over with new identities in Elko Nevada. Just as they begin to get comfortable with their new lives someone finds out who they are and tells their secret to the dangerous men that want them dead. The climax of the story ends with a confrontation between Zach, the drug cartel and the secret CIA agent working at Zach's school. They must start their lives all over again.

### CHARACTER ANALYSIS

There are many ways that the character of Zach Granger changed from the beginning of the book to the end. Page 85 says "Zach was shy around new people." Starting a new school not being able to tell anyone the truth made it even more difficult for him. However by the end of Ch. 10 Zach has started to make friends with Catlin and Darri. After his fight with Peter, Zach becomes popular at school, but he stood up to the school bully and protected Cat. These changes were both positive and negative. It was good that he was able to make friends, but he also gained Peter as an enemy which ended up ruining his life.

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# UGLIES

Scott Westerfeld

AMANKA PERKSEY

In the book "Uglies" by Scott Westerfeld it explains how Tally goes through a struggle to becoming a pretty in the society, for starters, Tally awaits for her milestone of turning 16 and receiving her operation. But along the way she meets a friend named Shay who doesn't quite agree with the idea of getting the operation, Shay then escapes. The time came, Tally turned 16 and leaves to get the operation done. Dr. Cable then breaks the news that she isn't allowed to get the operation unless she finds her friend Shay who had escaped. The thing is that Tally doesn't know if she wants to betray Shay and turn her in or not.

## Objective Summary



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**Character** In the book Tally has changed from the beginning to the end. She has changed because of how the way she acts and thinks. For example, in the beginning Tally was very un-informational. She didn't know much things about her society and how things worked. For instance, in the beginning she didn't know about things like what a roller coaster was and how horse-boards functioned. But know in the end Tally knows how these things work and also how the Prettys society are different than the ones (Jollyville).

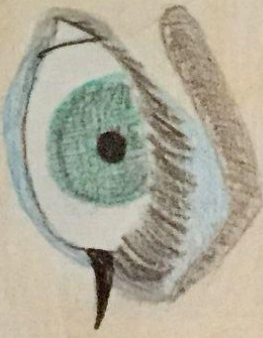
## Text Connections

This book is "Text-to-Text". It's connection is with the book named "The Giver". For example, one connection is the citizens are forced to behave and not act up. In "Uglies", the citizens are forced to turn pretty. This proves that they have a connection because they both involve punishment to the citizens. In addition, they are both also alike because they include punishment if you weren't to follow the rules.

## Quotes

"Night was coming, the sun setting over the ocean, turning the water blood red." This quote means that the sunset view really astonishing and bright. The sun had glared over the water perfectly that it looked blood red. I chose this because it gives you a warm and comforting feel. I chose this because I should really be getting better out of the more 'foregoing' that she didn't deserve it but wants it. I chose this because it shows how easily someone can manipulate you into thinking something different than the truth.

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Summary

The main character Michael is the son of an Irish diplomat who is also a spy for the Allies living in Nazi Germany. Michael joins the Hitler Youth and meets a boy who has access to secret jet fighter plans. Along with the help of a British pilot, Michael makes copies of the plans and attempts to get them to British intelligence. They fail, but Michael makes a tough decision to turn in his parents and the pilot to get on a secret assassination team so he can stop the assassination. Michael saves the target, but he loses the plans in the process. However, Michael is able to remake the plans thanks to his photographic memory.

Quotes

"I had managed to save even the monsters, and when you can save monsters, you can be sure you've become one yourself." - page 128

Michael is saying that he had saved the Nazis by beating down his opponent over and over. If he had saved them, then what he did was worse than the things they had done making him just as bad as the Nazis.

11 Sometimes you have to weigh the cost at one man's life against the value of an entire operation. - page 230

This quote is just saying that sometimes no matter how hard it is you have to see what's more important in a situation. This situation happened to be the life of one person against their possibility of winning a war. There's where the significance

# PROJEKT

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Character Analysis

Fritz is the boy Michael meets in the beginning who has access to the secret jet fighter plans. In the beginning of the book Fritz seems relatively 'sane', but by the end of the book he completely changes to a hardcore Nazi.

Michael described him as, "He was so small he looked like a ten-year-old, on page 37. The only reason that Michael noticed Fritz is because Fritz wasn't burning books like all the other boys, Michael writes, 'He had four books in one arm, clutched to his chest, and another in his hand. And he wasn't throwing any of them on the fire,' also on page 37. These sentences show that Fritz did have sanity however, later in the book he burns his own collection of illegal books without hesitation showing he has changed for the worse he had become a full Nazi. Michael writes, 'Fritz was in the backyard throwing his collection of defective models into a bucket full of flames.' Fritz then calls the books 'degenerate filth', which highly contradicts what he said when he asked Michael, 'you like them too?' on page 147. Later in the book Fritz shows complete insanity by starting a time bomb that would've killed him and everyone near him including Michael and the scientist he was saving.

While reading this book I related to Michael in many ways. Michael has a fear of heights which presents many obstacles throughout the book. Like when he climbs up the tot at the beginning of the book. Also when he has to jump out of a two-story scolding into a pool and when he jumps Fritz thousands of feet in the air. After Michael climbs on top of the tower to stop Fritz, Fritz says, 'I'm impressed. I know how hard it was for you to do that.' This shows how bad Michael fears heights. All of these things reminding of times my fear of heights almost stopped me. Like when I got on the

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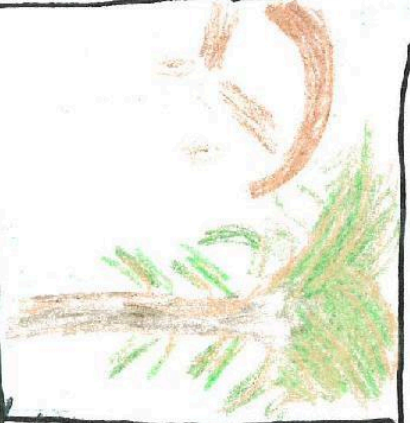
# Run Jack's

By: Roland Smith

My connection to this book. IS that I know how it feels to be let down by a parent. In the text it states that if my Dad would have stayed away from the cocaine we wouldn't have to worry about being kidnapped by the cartel. My Mom drank for a long time but finally got sober. So I know how Jack is feeling.

The book I read was called Run Jack's. It was about a boy that's father got addicted to cocaine. So the cartel came to his home and kidnapped him. The book shows how the boy escaped the cartel and helped his father. So in conclusion if you are struggling with a parent being on drugs this may be the book for you? So as you can see if Jack did this hard thing in his life you can.

By: Banks Bishop



Drugs	I will not make the same mistake Dad did.
abuse	By: Jack
Medicine	Dad should have kept his mouth shut or the cartel wouldn't have gotten me. By: Jack
Opioid	
Prescription	
Addict	

The character I am writing about is Jack Osborne. At the beginning of this story he was very lazy and all he wanted to do was stay at home and eat chips. The phone rang but Jack didn't want to get out of bed, he just wanted to feel the breeze coming in through the house. That was my text evidence. Then from the book I got more evidence. Then from the book I got more evidence. Then from the book I got more evidence. So in conclusion characters can change a lot through out a story.

The book Jack's Run is one of my favorite books because I like to learn about things that are a little harsh, because that way I can be alert more on things than most people. So if I had to rate this book 1 out of 10 I would pick a 9 because their is not alot of detail. So in conclusion this is my opinion.

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## TEXT CONNECTIONS:

One way I connected to this book was for being away from my family because one time my dog that I had just got for Christmas got stolen from me like Echohawk was taken away from his Indian family. It broke my heart that she was gone just like Echohawk was.

## Turtle Clan

### Journey

By: Linda Durant

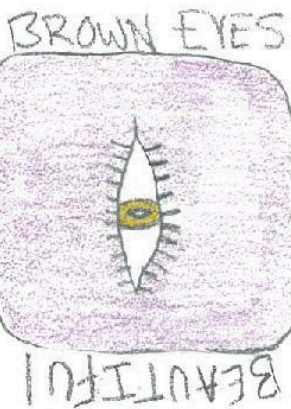
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## SUMMARY:

This is about a white boy living with an Indian family. The white boy, Echohawk, was taken and has lived with them for most of his life. They go on a journey with his Indian father and brother. But during the journey they meet a boy named Red Fox. When they are there Echohawk gets captured by the English and is taken to his white family in Albany. When there he meets his Aunt Ruth. After 18 days he escapes and meets with his father by a big oak tree. After that they finish their journey to the big sister.

QUOTES: "Mothers know how to worry." pg 32.  
"Smell that southerly wind." pg 5.  
"We are all the same." pg 171.  
"You have a chance to survive and you will take that chance." pg 160.  
"You can't make me!" pg 161.

## ECHOHAWK'S



RED FOX

ECHOHAWK

GLICKIHIGAN

CHARACTERS: Echohawk, son of Glickihigan and brother to Bamaineo and Bamaineo. Bamaineo: son of Glickihigan and brother of Echohawk. Red Fox: Friends with Echohawk, Bamaineo, and Glickihigan. Aunt Ruth: Aunt of Echohawk and enemies of Bamaineo and Glickihigan.



# PAPER THINGS

Made by:  
Ell School Field

Jennifer Richard Jacobson

In the story it presents a problem facing all too well-known problem facing hundreds of millions of families.

The story tells a story about Arianna Hazard and Gage Hazard's experience with being homeless as children. In Ari's elementary school you have to complete a service project to get into the select middle school, Carter Middle. It also provides a section about her experience of friendship with her friends and brother.

Gage Hazard faces a much different problem of exiting a heartbreaking relationship and entering a fresh one. Overall I would rate this book 4/5 stars as it is very touching, but the beginning was quite hard to follow.

## CHARACTER ANALYSIS

In the beginning Ari really wants to get into Carter Middle. She says, "How will I apply to Carter if Gage and I don't have a permanent address?" This proves that she is worrying about getting into Carter. But by the end of the book, she accepts that she is going to Wilson middle school by saying, "...like wishing on Carter, rebuilding my Paper Things collection, just doesn't feel right on Carter, rebuilding my Paper Things acceptance to Carter and instead goes to Wilson."

## QUOTES

In the book, it gives many meaningful quotes. One example is, "You can be your best self, no matter where you are." I believe this as Ari has a very tough life and some kids at her school as Ari has a worse than Ari's even when they have a better life than her. The 2nd quote is, "All kinds of valuable things are around us, we just have to open our eyes." I think this quote was used because in the book Ari was talking to her friend who described an amazing relationship with her mother so I think that Jennifer used this quote to tell people to look for the best in others and if you do, you might just find it.



## TEXT CONNECTION

which was text-to-world. In the story Ari is faced with many problems that homeless people are constantly hit by. Some include, shelter problems, starving, dehydration, and no access to warm air during winter. She handles them very well despite being a child that is also homeless. Many of the problems that the homeless face.



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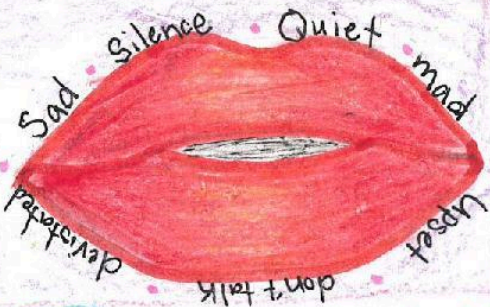
# FLYING SOLO

By: Rachel Fletcher

I found this ~~is~~<sup>isn't</sup> as text to self (paraphrase), I feel that it is text to self because sometimes I don't feel like talking either. When you are very upset sometimes you don't ~~feel~~<sup>want</sup> to tell everybody anything. Sometimes you don't have anything important to say, so you don't say anything at all. When you are really upset you want to keep it all to your self.

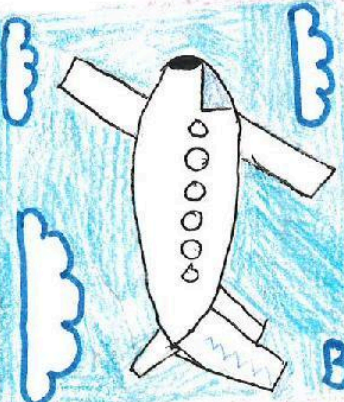


I choose Rachel White from my book. She has changed dramatically though out the book. At the beginning she was very upset from the death, but as she comes to the end of the book she begins to open up again.



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I would rate this book a 5/5 stars. It was very interesting!

At the beginning of my book, Flying Solo, it gives the reader a little information about the main characters. Then Rachel walking into the classroom, and Mr. Fabiano was not there. Rachel doesn't talk. At this point they decide to run the classroom by themselves. They get through most of the day normal, and doing their work. Then a fight breaks out between Rachel and Bastian who is about to move to Hawaii. The fight was about Tommy who died a few months back. Then they have to go to an assembly, and they get caught. Also Bastian ~~gives~~<sup>gives</sup> his dog Sean which ~~is~~<sup>is</sup> makes him very happy.



"My father's a heart surgeon, but you don't see me going around cutting up people's hearts!" -Pg. 25  
I think this quote means that each person is good a different things. We should not always do the same thing as others.

Writing words I like flying, Rachel thought. Words aren't solid. Words are lighter than air. But even so, they can sometimes give you a lift - Pg. 41  
I think this quote means that sometimes it helps to say how you feel.

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