

St. John Fisher Summer Reading Assignment
Students entering 8th Grade

Read ONE (1) of the following books:

The Warden's Daughter by Jerry Spinelli

The Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

The Honest Truth by Dan Gemeinhart

After reading the novel of your choice, respond to the following questions

- **Type** and **print** your responses
- Please be neat and thorough in responding. Please answer in **complete sentences** and use proper grammar and spelling.
- **Due Date: First Day of School!**

SETTING:

1. Describe the setting of the novel. (When and where does the story take place?) If the book has several settings, choose the most important 2-3 settings and describe each.

CHARACTERS:

2. Describe three main characters from the novel. Write at least 2 sentences for each character.
3. The protagonist is the main character in the story (who the reader roots for). Who is the protagonist in this novel? Answer in a complete sentence.
 - a. Describe the protagonist in 2-3 sentences. Your description should be a combination of physical traits and character traits.
 - b. Identify three examples of textual evidence which support your description of the protagonist. (include page numbers with your evidence)

CONFLICT is the struggle or problem in the novel. (The conflict of the story can exist between the following: person vs. person, person vs. nature, person vs self, person vs. society or person vs. supernatural)

4. Identify and describe the main conflict of the novel.

Answer the following questions in one paragraph. Cite examples from the text to support your answers.

1. Think about the title of the book. Why do you think the author chose this particular title?
2. Think about the main character's development throughout the book. How does your main character change from the beginning to the end? (Aven in *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus*, Mark in *Honest Truth*, or Cammie in *Warden's Daughter*)
3. Describe the main character's relationship with his or her parent(s). (Mark, Aven, Cammie)

4. If you read *The Honest Truth*, pretend you were Mark's parents and create a Missing Poster for him. This must be done on 8x11 paper and colored neatly with details written on the poster.

If you read *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus*, write a blog entry for Aven's Blog. This should be a minimum of 8 sentences.

If you read *The Warden's Daughter*, the accident that killed Cammie's mother was the most famous accident in Two Mills. Write a front-page newspaper article the day after Cammie's mother's accident. Interview the milk truck driver and witnesses. Remember to include who, what, when, where, why, and how. You may include a hand drawn picture if you wish. This should be a minimum of 8 sentences.