

Summer Reading Assignment 2010 for Incoming 7th grade Students

Please read The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963 written by Christopher Paul Curtis. Then, on a loose leaf sheet of paper that contains your name and "7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment," respond in a short paragraph that begins with a topic sentence and is a minimum of 4-5 sentences long to three (3) of the following questions in Part I. For Part II., choose one exercise to complete. *This assignment is due on the first day of class.*

Part I:

1. After reading about life in the South in 1963 in the story and in the epilogue, what would have been the hardest conflict for YOU to have faced as a black person living in the South in 1963? Why?
2. How would you describe the Watson family? Would you like to be a member of the Watson family? Why or why not?
3. Chapter 14 contains a very memorable, remarkable event from the story. Write a new title for this chapter, explain why you chose this title, and what it means.
4. Why do you think Mr. Curtis wrote this story? Identify one message you think he wants to share with his readers and explain how you came to understand this message from the story.
5. What will you always remember from reading this book? Why will you remember this?
6. Would you recommend this book to a classmate/friend/family member? Why or why not?

Part II:

1. Write three (3) questions you have after reading this book that you would like to discuss with a classmate or in a small group.
2. Write three (3) questions that you have for the author after reading this book.

