



## Required Middle School Summer Reading Assignment Hebrew Language Academy Charter School: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Dear Rising 6th Grader,

Congratulations on completing your Fifth Grade year! We hope your summer is filled with excitement and the long needed break you deserve. While you are vacationing, or enjoying the comfort of sleeping an extra hour or two, we do not want you to forget the ability to appreciate a wonderful book. Hebrew Language Academy has high expectations for students' literacy development. All students must complete summer reading activities before their Sixth Grade year begins. This assignment is due Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 **AND** will count as a grade for English Language Arts.

### **The following rubric will be used to grade your Summer Reading assignment:**

100% - Exemplary/Exceeds Standard: Student demonstrated that he/she read a book pair and completed ALL parts and responses show evidence of a DEEP understanding of the novels.

85% - Proficient/Satisfactory: Student demonstrated that he/she read a book pair and completed ALL parts and responses show evidence of a BASIC understanding of the novels.

70% - Developing/Needs Improvement: Student completed SOME parts and the responses show evidence of a basic understanding of the novels.

55% - Insufficient/Unsatisfactory: Student completed FEW or NO parts with little to no understanding of the novels.

### **Assignment**

Step 1: Choose TWO books for your summer reading project from the choices listed below. (All of these books are available at Barnes and Noble, Amazon.com, or at most public libraries.)

Here are the four closest libraries to HLA:

#### Paerdegat Library

Public Library  
850 E. 59<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY  
(718) 241-3994

#### Flatlands Branch Library

Public Library  
2065 Flatbush Avenue

Brooklyn, NY  
(718) 253-4409

Brooklyn Public Library - Washington Branch

Public Library  
360 Irving Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY  
(718) 628-8378

Brooklyn Public Library

Public Library  
1580 Rockaway Parkway  
Brooklyn, NY  
(718) 257-6547

1. *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry
2. *Holes* by Louis Sachar
3. *The Lost Hero* by Rick Riordan
4. *The Looking Glass Wars* by Frank Beddor
5. *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

**SUMMER READING OPTIONS-CHOOSE TWO OF THE  
ASSIGNMENTS FOR EACH BOOK**

- Write a poem or song lyrics that connect to your novel. Focus on the plot, characters, and/or personal connections you have with the novel. (\*30 lines or longer)
- Write a letter to the author of your chosen novel. Explain what you liked and/or disliked, ask any questions you have about the story/characters, explain what you would have changed if you were the author, and mention at least one thing you will always remember about this novel and why. (\*at least one full page and written in letter format)

- Create a poster detailing the plot of your novel. Include descriptions of the events in the exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution. Write a statement of the main theme with quotes from the novel for support.
- Create an illustrated book cover for your novel. Include a summary of the story that describes the main character and the central conflict.
- Create a cartoon/storyboard (minimum of 8 panels) based on your novel. Focus on pivotal events and put them in chronological order.