

Advanced English
Summer Reading Assignment
Grade 8 SFMS

Directions: Choose a novel from the options given below and respond to the following questions (numbers 1-8). This assignment should be handwritten on lined paper. This assignment should be the student's original work.

- *Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment* (**Book 1**) by **James Patterson**
- *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* by **C.S. Lewis**

Student Name:

Title and Author of Book Read:

1) Using complete sentences summarize the main character of your book. Include specific details about the character's physical description and personality. (Approximately 50 words) **10 points possible**

2) Which character could you best relate to or connect with? Explain your response using complete sentences. (Approximately 25 words) **5 points possible**

3) In what ways was this character (the character you related to most) indirectly characterized? (The author allows you to infer information about the character.) Provide a minimum of 5 personality traits or qualities. What evidence from the text supports those traits? Use specific page numbers or explain specific examples to support each trait. **20 points possible**

4) Consider the main character of the novel. List five specific actions he or she makes and the consequences or results of those actions. **10 points possible**

5) Using complete sentences, describe the time and location of the novel. Also, explain the effect of the setting on the plot. (Approximately 25 words) **5 points possible**

6) What do you see as the central conflict in the novel? What kind of conflict is it (ie. person vs. nature, person vs. person, person vs. society, etc.)? Why did you select this as the central conflict? How does tension build leading to this conflict? How is it finally resolved? (Approximately 75 words) **15 points possible**

7) Select a direct quote from the book that you found meaningful. (Be sure to indicate that you have copied text directly from the author by using quotation marks and page numbers.) Explain the significance of the quote you chose by making a connection. Connections may include text-text, text-self, text-media, or text-world. (Explanation should be approximately 50 words) **15 points possible**

8) What do you find to be the main theme or moral of the novel? What did you learn from reading this book? (Approximately 75 words) **20 points possible**