

# Middle School (Grades 4 – 8)

## 2021-2022 Summer Reading Assignment

### Expository Essay Writing Project

**Length** – 300 to 600 words

Choose one of the three novels below.

Complete the expository writing project based on the novel you read.

#### **The Structure for an Expository Essay**

Paragraph 1 – Grabber (hook), review of question, thesis statement (5-8 sentences)

Paragraph 2 – Transition, Point 1 (from your thesis statement), examples and facts, closing (5 – 8 sentences)

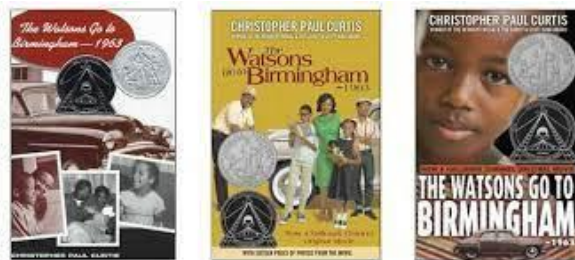
Paragraph 3 – Transition, Point 2 (from your thesis statement), examples and facts, closing (5 – 8 sentences)

Paragraph 4 – Transition, Point 3 (from your thesis statement), examples and facts, closing (5 – 8 sentences)

Paragraph 5 – Transition, restatement of thesis statement, ending inference (4 – 6 sentences)

### Novel Options (select one)

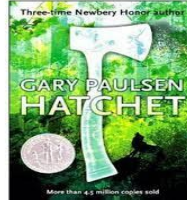
#### *The Watson's Go to Birmingham, by Christopher Paul Curtis*



#### **Writing Prompt:**

Kenny has a difficult time dealing with bullies in school. He also does not get any support from the teachers or the administration. What should he do about this problem? **Write a letter to Kenny either encouraging him to do something about the problem, or advising him to ignore the problem. Useful suggestions must be provided.** (analyzing characters, setting, conflict, and resolution)

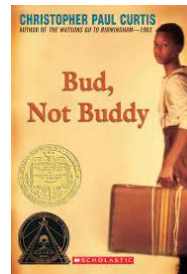
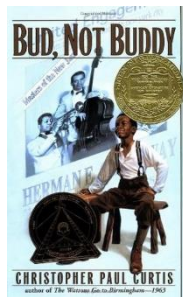
## *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen



### **Writing Prompt:**

In the novel *Hatchet*, Brian had to make difficult choices and had many unexpected experiences. 1. Give a summary of the novel? 2. Name three experiences that have changed Brian forever. Explain your choices. (determining important information)

## *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis



### **Writing Prompt:**

1. Give a summary of the novel. 2. Name three major characters that are instrumental to the story and why? (analyzing characters, setting, conflict, and resolution)