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## Palmetto Charter School Middle School Summer Assignment – Rising to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Part I Instructions:

- **Read the non-fiction book *Fred Korematsu Speaks Up* by Laura Adkins and Stan Yogi**
- Write a five-paragraph essay based on the book according to the prompt below.

**Writing prompt:** *Fred Korematsu is considered a hero who fought for social justice for the treatment of Japanese-Americans during WWII. How does Fred Korematsu display the characteristics of a hero?*

### Your essay must include:

- An introductory paragraph that contains a hook, the title and author of the book, and a claim that includes three characteristics. (5 points)
- Three body paragraphs that have a topic sentence, 5-7 sentences of details from the text and explanations supporting one of the three characteristics, and a concluding sentence. (15 points)
- A conclusion paragraph that summarizes your essay and restates your claim. (5 points)
- Follows correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation. (5 points)
- You may **neatly** handwrite or type your essay.

### Part II Instructions:

- **Read a fiction book of your choice.** Do not read a book in which you have already taken an AR test. If you're not sure, don't read it.
- The book must be at least a 4.0 or higher reading level and at least 100 pages long.
- A list of suggested books per grade is posted on pcsfl.org.
- Use ARBookfinder.com to determine if an AR quiz is available for your book **BEFORE** you read it.
- **Complete the attached book information card** to help you remember the fiction book. (15 points)
- When you return to school in the fall, **be prepared to take an AR test** for each book and turn in your completed attachments. (25 points each AR test)
- You may read your required yearly classic novel this summer. A suggested list is posted on pcsfl.org.  
Extra Credit Option
- You may read more than two books to earn extra credit. You must pass the AR test to earn extra credit **and** complete information cards for each book. Maximum two extra books/10 points extra credit.

### Part III Instructions:

- **Practice your cursive handwriting** by completing the attached packet. The dotted lines should be completed as well as the blank lines.
- Complete all parts of the packet for full credit. (25 points)  
Extra Credit Option
- Download and print additional cursive writing pages from the internet. Complete up to 5 pages of additional cursive practice for a maximum of 5 points extra credit.
- Attach extra practice to your summer assignment.

**\*\* Your summer reading assignment is due Tuesday, August 13, 2024. \*\***

Email questions about your summer assignment to Mrs. Foust at [bfoust@pcsfl.org](mailto:bfoust@pcsfl.org).  
Additional summer assignment packets/pages can be found at [pcsfl.org](http://pcsfl.org)