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## Palmetto Charter School Middle School Summer Assignment – Rising to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Part I Instructions:

- Read the novel *The Young Traveler's Gift* by Andy Andrews
- Choose ONE prompt below and respond in a five-paragraph essay based on the book.

**Writing prompt option #1:** Write a persuasive letter to a fictitious movie producer explaining why this book should be made into a movie. In the letter, explain how this movie can help others, provide suggestions for actors and actresses that should play the role of some of the main characters, and tell why they are the best choice for that particular role.

**Writing prompt option #2:** Write a letter to the author of the book, Andy Andrews, explaining the impact that this book had on you. You may want to explain specific parts of the book that stood out to you, lessons you can relate to, or why you think others should read this book, too.

### Your letter must include:

- The essentials parts of a letter - date, greeting, body, closing, signature (5 points)
- An introductory paragraph that contains a hook, the book's title and author, and a claim. (5 points)
- Three body paragraphs that begin with a clear topic sentence, 5-6 sentences of details from the text and explanations supporting one reason/topic **and** a concluding sentence. (15 points)
- A conclusion paragraph that summarizes your letter and restates your claim. (5 points)
- Follows correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation. (5 points)
- You may **neatly** handwrite or type your letter.

### Part II Instructions:

- **Read another fiction book of your choice.** Do not read a book in which you have already taken an AR test. If you aren't 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 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 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)**