

Summer Reading Assignment: Grade 8

Read the following novel – *Maggie’s Door* by Patricia Reilly Giff (this is the sequel to *Nory Ryan’s Song*)

Paragraph Composition: Complete the following assignment (Four well-developed paragraphs) which challenges you in several topic areas. Please read the instructions carefully before you begin! You may type or neatly hand-write this assignment.

1. Connect to World: Find a news article/current event that relates to the text. Print or cut out the article to include in your assignment. Then, explain in a well-supported, detailed paragraph how the news article/current event connects to *Maggie’s Door*.
2. Connect to Self: Write a well-developed paragraph about how *Maggie’s Door* can relate to your own life. To what situations and/or characters can you relate? Why? Have you had any similar experiences? How so?
3. Connect to Literature: Write a well-developed, well-supported paragraph explaining how (your book choice) connects to another piece of literature you have read. You could connect the novel to another novel, a poem, a song, an essay, a memoir, etc.
4. Connect to Art: Create an original book cover for *Maggie’s Door*. Then write a well-developed paragraph analyzing why this artistic rendering best depicts the ideas, themes, issues, etc. present in the novel. Remember, this assignment is an opportunity for you to analyze the importance of the text through art.

Socratic Seminar Requirement

Write at least 10 questions and be prepared for a Socratic Seminar the first week of school. Your questions should be “open-ended” and meant to encourage discussion = write questions that you are interested in hearing classmates’ opinions. Write your questions (and answer ideas) on a separate sheet of paper than the paragraphs above.

If you have questions, please feel welcome to write kschmidt@adventurechristian.org anytime!