



**To:** Parents/Guardians of Atlantis Charter School's 7<sup>th</sup> grade students  
**From:** Miss Ficke  
**Date:** Summer 2010  
**Re:** Summer Reading Project Requirements

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In keeping with Atlantis Charter School's quest to improve the reading skills of all our students, the school will be providing a summer reading project.

The focus of this reading project is as follows:

- o Reinforce reading *strategies*
- o Polish *comprehension* skills

The summer project that has been chosen for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students moving to 8<sup>th</sup> will require the reading of one assigned book from the following list:

- o *Witness* by Karen Hesse
- o *Z For Zachariah* by Robert C. O'Brien
- o *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry
- o *Love, Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

**The students will write character analysis on the main character from the book of their choice. All students are familiar with the 4-Square essay format, as they have written several of them throughout the year. For more information on the specifics of this assignment, please see your child's summer reading sheet.**

Thank you for helping us to provide your child with an education that is second to none.

Yours in education,

Miss Ficke

✂ Please cut section below, complete it, and return to your HR teacher

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## Summer Reading Project

Please **sign this portion** and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

I have reviewed the attached Summer Reading notice for the summer of 2010 and agree to its requirements.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Atlantis Charter School**  
**Summer Reading 2010**

for Ms. Ficke's students leaving 7<sup>th</sup> grade - entering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Please read the following instructions **CAREFULLY!!**

Choose one of the following books to read. You may only choose from this list. If you have already read one of the books on this list, you may **NOT** select that book.

- *Witness* by Karen Hesse
- *Z For Zachariah* by Robert C. O'Brien
- *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry
- *Love, Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

You are responsible for doing the following:

- Read the book in its entirety
- Complete a **Character Analysis** of the main character (4 Square Essay) including the following
  - Paragraph 1: Introduction – Introduce the main character of the book
  - Paragraph 2: Character Trait 1, explanation and example.
  - Paragraph 3: Character Trait 2, explanation and example.
  - Paragraph 4: Character Trait 3, explanation and example.
  - Paragraph 5: Conclusion

You are all familiar with the 4-Square format. You have all written several of these throughout the year. The assignment can either be typed or hand-written in pen.

All of these books can be found at any public library or bookstore, or can be ordered through Amazon.com. At Amazon.com you can buy used books, which look new, for a great deal less.

If obtaining a book is a problem, please provide Miss Ficke a note from a parent/guardian as to the reason why and she will help locate a copy of the book for you.