## ELA

## 7<sup>th</sup> grade Novel Questions

**DUE: August 13, 2018** 

- A. Choose 2 books from the list below.
- B. For each book choose three (3) of the questions below, and answer them in paragraph form (unless directed otherwise). As directed, use textual evidence to support your answers; be sure to cite the evidence using page numbers. Be sure to use a topic sentence and a closing sentence in each paragraph. Grammar and mechanics count.
- C. Be sure to do 3 different questions for each book. For example, if you choose questions 1, 3, and 4 for your first book, then do not choose those same questions for your second book.

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IF HANDWRITTEN: black ink, front side of paper only, no scratch-outs

- 1. Setting is the time and place of a story. Describe the setting of the book as exactly as you can. List the pages and phrases in the text that contain the information.
- 2. The first sentence of a story must grab a reader's attention. Review the first sentence in the book. Do you think it is an attention-grabber? Explain why or why not. If you do not think the beginning is effective, write a different opening sentence for the story.
- 3. A person who acts against the main character in the story is called the antagonist. Who is the antagonist in the story? Describe how he or she acts against the main character.
- 4. Write the dialogue for a scene that is not included in the book, but one that you think should be added.
- 5. Make a connection between the book and another book you have read. Explain why this book makes you think of the other one.
- 6. Design a map that shows the most important places in the story. Label each location with the events that took place there. (This is not a paragraph. It should be drawn on unlined paper. Pencil may be used to sketch the design, but the final map should be in colored pencil or marker. All writing (labels) on the map must be in black ink.)
- 7. Design a mobile made up of six items that represent the story. (For example, a mobile for "Cinderella" could contain a glass slipper, a pumpkin, a magic wand, mice, a broom, and a gown.) Explain the significance of each item you choose to include in your mobile. (You may draw a colored picture of the mobile under your paragraph if you want to.)

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Harris and Me by Gary Paulsen
Cuba 15 by Nancy Osa*
Bar Code Rebellion by Suzanne Weyn
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
A Diamond in the Desert by Kathryn* Fitzmaurice
Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton
Journey of the Sparrows by Fran Leeper Buss*
Animal Farm by George Orwell
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom
Riggs