

## Sixth to Seventh and Seventh to Eighth Grade

Required summer reading book is *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary Schmidt

Other summer reading suggestions:

*Al Capone Does my Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko

*House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer

*Schooled* by Gordon Korman

*Rumble Fish* by S.E. Hinton

*Nothing But the Truth* by Avi

*And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie

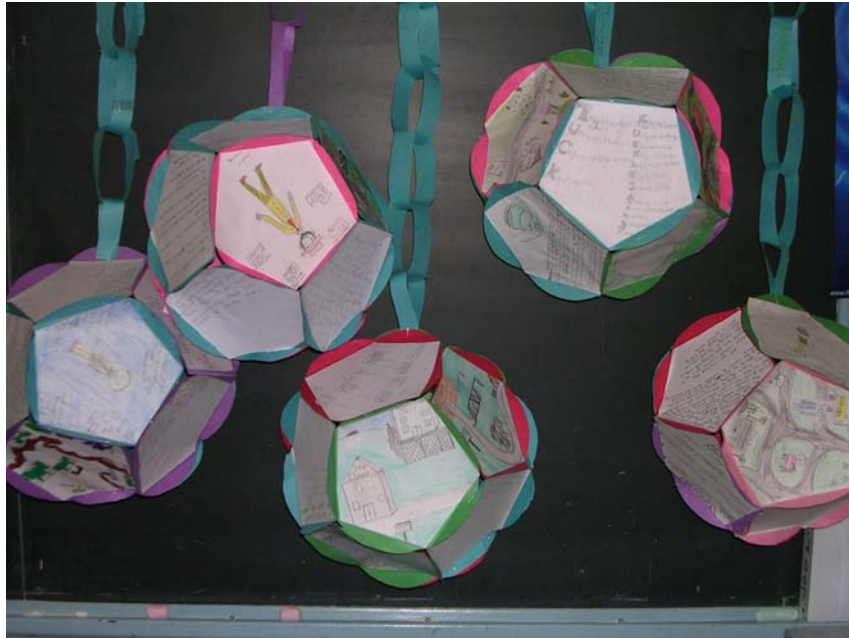
*Briar Rose* by Jane Yolen

*Dune* by Frank Herbert

*Animal Farm* by George Orwell

*The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck

Create a Bloom Ball for *The Wednesday Wars*. A Bloom Ball is made up of twelve circles whose edges are folded and glued together to form a ball. Here is an example:



### Things to remember:

- Do not write or draw on the outside of the lines.
- Write answers, sentences and paragraphs on another sheet of paper first and proofread. When satisfied with your answer, rewrite it on the circle.
- Assembling “Bloom Ball”
  - Fold each circle on the lines so that the folds are facing up. Be sure to decorate the entire circle before assembling ball.
  - When all questions have been completed, and all the edges have been folded up you may glue (no tape or staples) the circles together. **BE SURE THAT ALL EDGES ARE FACING UP AROUND YOUR PICTURE OR PARAGRAPHS.**
- Presentation of your project will factor into the grading. The ball should be colorful and visually “fun,” but the most important aspect is what is written in the circles.

In order to complete this project, you’ll need to complete 12 circles with the following information on each circle:

Circle 1 – Colorfully write the name and author of your book. Please put your name on this circle also.

Circle 2 – Draw a picture or map of the setting of your story. Label it.

Circle 3 – List 10 unique or unusual words that the author used in this book.

Circle 4 – List 3 problems faced by your main character. Use complete sentences.

Circle 5 – Write a poem about the story. The poem can be a rhyming one, haiku, acrostic poem, a “shape” poem, etc. Your choice.

Circle 6 – Write a paragraph telling your opinion of this book in one circle. Tell why you would or would not recommend it to a friend.

Circle 7 – Draw a picture of the most exciting, the funniest, or the saddest part of your story. Explain your drawing in one or two sentences under your picture.

Circle 8 – Describe the main character in your story. Include both the physical and personality characteristics in your description.

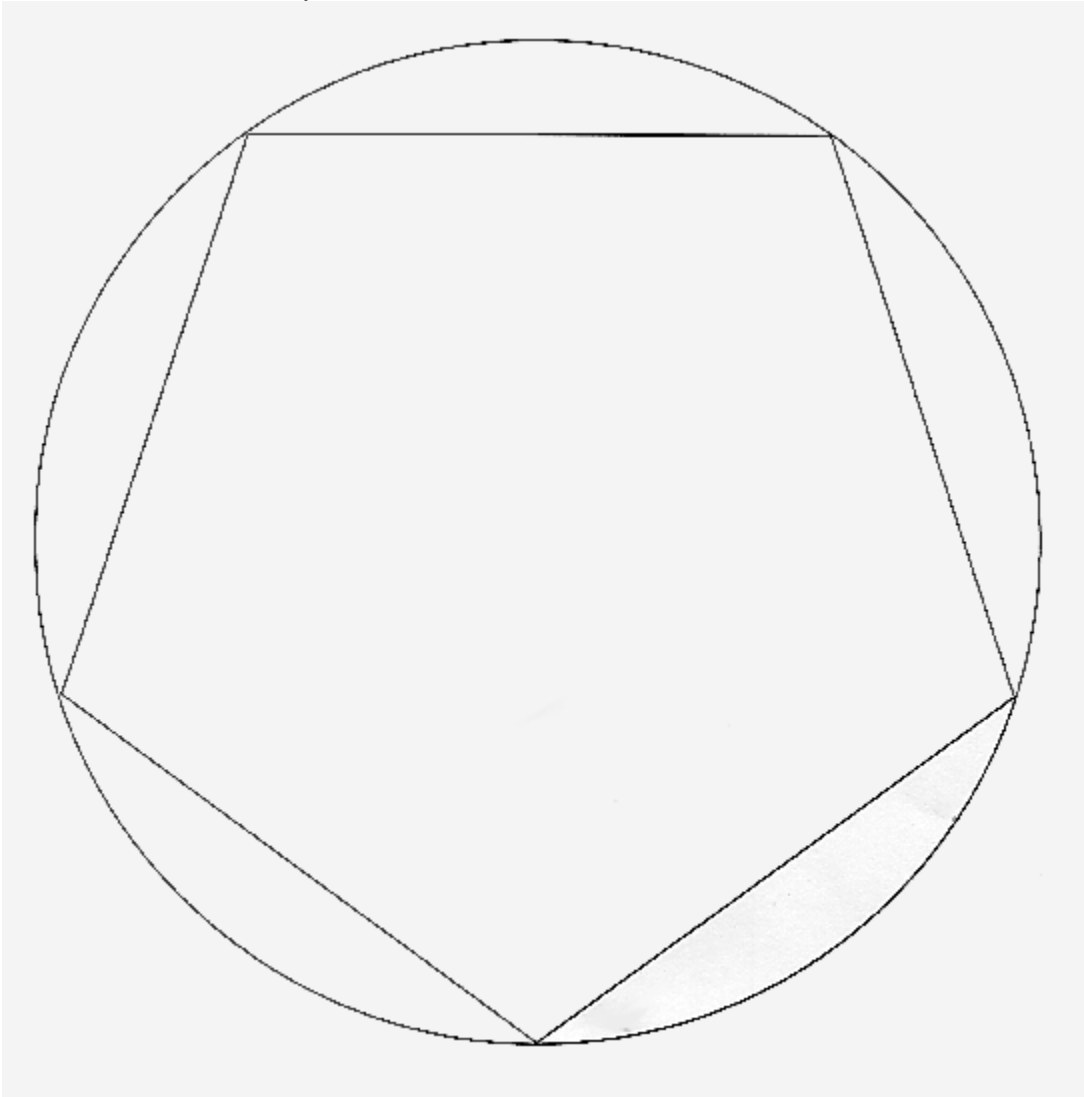
Circle 9 – Write four fun facts about the author of your book.

Circle 10 – In one paragraph write a different ending to the story.

Circle 11 – Write a summary of the book – include only the plot and main ideas.

Circle 12 – Write a paragraph describing connections from this book to your life.

Here is the circle template:



Feel free to enlarge the template if you would like.