

SWMS Rising Eighth Grade Summer Reading Book List:

- *The Book Thief*, Markus Zusak
- *Counting by Sevens*, Holly Goldberg Sloan
- *Facing Frederick*, Tonya Bolden
- *Votes for Women!*, Winifred Conkling
- *Girl Code*, Andrea Gonzales and Sophie Houser
- *The 57 Bus*, Dashka Slater
- *I Am Malala* - Autobiography, Malala Yousafzai, co-written with Christina Lamb.
- *Skyward* - Fiction Sci-Fi, Brandon Sanderson
- *Persepolis* - Memoir (graphic novel form), Marjane Satrapi
- *Five Feet Apart* - Fiction, Rachael Lippincott
- *One Crazy Summer* - Historic Fiction, Rita Williams-Garcia
- *Animal Farm* - Novella, George Orwell

Text-Dependent Questions by Skill

Summarizing:

- Concisely summarize the text reflecting on the important and overarching ideas.
- What are the important ideas or events in the text? How are they related?

Making Connections:

- How have you connected characters across texts i.e. circumstances, traits, actions?
- How have you built meaning across several texts?

Inferring:

- What can you infer about the character's thinking processes or struggles at key decision points in the story? What evidence from the text and your experiences has led you to this inference?
- What are some symbols the author has included in the story? What can you infer about their meaning? How do they enhance the meaning of the text? Explain with textual evidence.
- What inferences can you make about how multiple characters feel about each other in the story and how they influence one another? What from the text supports your thinking?
- What is the theme of the text? Support your thinking with textual evidence

Analyzing:

- What is the author's implicit or inferred purpose of the text? Provide the part in the text that supports your thinking.
- Did the author use words in a connotative way i.e. to imply something beyond the literal meaning? Provide an example of this in your book