

Dear Parents,  
Below is the 2010 summer reading assignment for 7<sup>th</sup> grade:

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Students are required to complete the activity below according to the following guidelines. This assignment must be brought to school on the first day. Written parts may be typed or handwritten in **LEGIBLE CURSIVE**. This project will be presented by the students in class.

Project: 100 Total Points

Materials: (5 points) Project must be placed in a report cover or folder (3 points). Paper can be plain white copy paper, solid color copy paper, stock paper, or paper with backgrounds as used in scrapbooking (2 points).

Title Page: (10 points) Include an illustration, title of book (2 points), and the author's name (2 points). The illustration must be drawn by hand (2 points), fully colored (2 points), and must be a **SCENE** from the book (2 points).

Page 1: (20 points) Include 10 objects about the **MAIN CHARACTER** of the story (10 points). The objects must represent the main character in some way (likes, dislikes, hobbies, interests, emotions, struggles, etc.). One sentence must be written to explain the connection between the object and the character (10 points). You may use pictures cut from magazines, clip art, newspapers, stickers, small scrapbook items, etc.

Page 2: (15 points) **DESIGN A DETAILED MAP** of all settings, places of interest, and things to do and see if the readers were to actually visit the book (5 points creativity). Each location must be marked with a picture and description explaining each stopping point on the map (10 points).

Page 3: (15 points) Write a one-paragraph biography (7 sentences) about the author of the book. The biography must include personal facts about the author and must be written in your own words.

Page 4: (15 points) Include two reviews of the book. Each review gives your opinion about two different aspects of the book and must be at least 8 sentences (Reminder: a good sentence is at least 7 words). **Review #1 tells your opinion about the characters and the setting (7.5 points).** **Review #2 tells your opinion about the conflict and resolution (7.5 points).** Each review must be your opinion and not a summary of the book.

Vocabulary: (5 points) Correctly use 5 new words from the story in a sentence. Each word must be highlighted. The sentence may be used in any of the sections listed above. Be able to define them if asked during your presentation. Choose words that are unfamiliar to you and write the page number next to each word.

Neatness and Effort: (5 points) Project has no distracting errors, corrections, or erasures and is easily read. It appears the student spent a lot of time/effort getting things just right.

Grammar: (up to 5 points) One point will be taken off for each grammatical mistake.

Spelling: (up to 5 points) One point will be taken off for each spelling error.

95-100=A	87-94=B	76-86=C	70-75=D	69 or below =F
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