

## Summer Reading 7th Grade

Novel: *Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk

In order to be prepared for the fun adventures of English and to reinforce important concepts and analytical skills, you will be reading one of my favorite novels for Middle School.

**\*\*Remember that your reading assignment should be completed and posted into your Google Classroom prior to the first day of school. This counts as the first **test grade** of the year. When you return to school you will have an in-class written assignment to further check your understanding of the novel.**

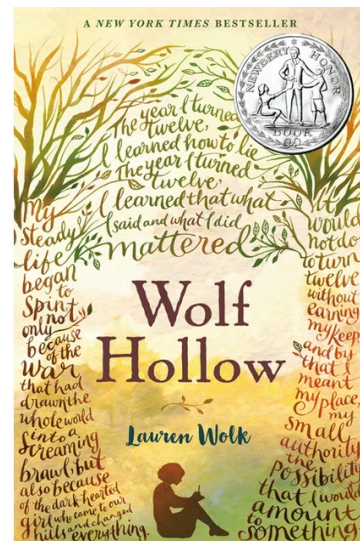
As you read the novel you will keep a journal that shows how you are interacting with the text. This journal should be posted into the GoogleDoc template that you will have in your Google Classroom. Assignment is due BEFORE the first day of school.

Instructions:

- For every **2 chapters** of reading, you will write a journal entry between **7-10 sentences**. You will choose a direct quote/passage from the text and write about its overall significance, deeper meaning, and/or how you relate to it. (Your passage does not count as part of your sentences)
- You should have a **total of 14** journal entries.
- Ideas for analyses you may choose to include:
  - Hidden meanings
  - Metaphors, allegory, similes, allusions, morals etc.
- Ideas for experiences you may choose to relate:
  - Memories
  - Other literary works
  - Real-life scenarios
  - Ethical/ social dilemmas
  - Historical context

**\*\* Your entry should have:**

1. A date
2. A citation/passage
3. An analytical response of 7 to 10 sentences
4. Writing should be in MLA format (Times New Roman, 12 pt font, double spaced).



*Should you have questions please reach out: [anamelnichenko@andersonchristian.net](mailto:anamelnichenko@andersonchristian.net)*

**Friendly word of advice- Don't wait until the last minute to start reading, and enjoy your summer!**

\*\*\*\*\* HONOR PLEDGE: At the end of the journal, type the following honor pledge: I pledge that I your name read (not skimmed) all of *Wolf Hollow*. I pledge that I did not plagiarize (copy, use online source, or AI-generate) any part of my assignment.

Sample Response:

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English 6th

Due Date

5th July, 2024

In the beginning of the novel, Annabelle asks her grandfather why trapped wolves could not be raised as pets to which he replies “A wolf is not a dog and never will be [...] no matter how you raise it” (Wolk 11). We see a contrast between the innocence and hopefulness of Annabelle and the wisdom and experience of her grandfather. What may seem like a cynical response on his part just emphasizes the knowledge that he has about wild beasts as well as his acceptance of their ancestors desire to maintain safety in their town by trapping the wolves. We are also given commentary on the symbolism of the wolf and how it may relate to different people in their community. Some people just aren’t able to fit in. They are seen as a danger to others and aren’t ever given the chance to prove themselves because in the eyes of society they are wild, untameable and can never change. The fact that the grandpa points out that you cannot “raise” a wolf up to be anything other than a wolf, also shows a social understanding of not meddling in places where people shouldn’t meddle. Some things are better left alone, regardless of the desire to do better.

